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A referendum on independence has been announced by the Kurdistan Regional Government for 25 September 2017.

The European Union reiterates its steadfast support for Iraq's unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity. Unilateral actions, such as the proposed referendum, is counterproductive and must be avoided.

The EU recognises there are outstanding issues between Erbil and Baghdad that need to be resolved. This should be done through a peaceful and constructive dialogue leading to a mutually agreed solution based on the full application of the provisions of the Iraqi Constitution. The EU welcomes the UN initiative to facilitate a dialogue and offers its support to such a process if requested.

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