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Dear Foreign Secretary,

On the same day that Mr. Majid Reza Rahnavard, 23, was executed for enmity toward God and Corruption on Earth, in a press conference you stated that "Britain would continue to respond with sanctions against Iran when its actions are unacceptable in an effort to steer the Islamic Republic in a better direction".

The Islamic Republic has now killed over 500 unarmed protestors and injured many thousands since the Iranian uprising and revolution, which saw protests in over 160 Iranian cities and towns.

There are now over 18,000 in custody facing beatings, torture, and rape. Many have had a summary trial with no due process and have been condemned to death by hanging. Virgins, if they have not already been raped, are to be 'married to a guard' the night before their execution.

Over 60 minors have been shot or have been beaten to death in the streets of Iran. In a new change in tactics, the Islamic Republic's para-military and security forces are shooting pellets into the faces of the young so that they may be blinded for life or at their genitals.

The United Nations Child protection (UNICEF) agency condemned violence against minors and called for an end to all forms of violence and abuse that have claimed the lives of over 50 children in Iran.

UNICEF also stated that they remain 'deeply' concerned that the authorities in the Islamic Republic are conducting raids and searches in schools. The statement added that 'Schools must always be a safe place for children'.

The Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corp (IRGC) has supplied drones and short-range ballistic missiles to Russia and they have been used with devastating effect against Ukraine and its population. This, along with the abhorrent, unlawful, and horrific murder, rape, torture, and now execution of unarmed civilians must make the actions of the Islamic Republic 'unacceptable'.

During the press conference on 12.12.2022, you also discussed the importance of preventing Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons.

Mr. Foreign Secretary, it is now obvious that the regime in Tehran had no ambition to cooperate and revive the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action in March 2022.

In 2022, Iran's Atomic Energy chief announced the installation of new Uranium enrichment centrifuges. The Islamic Republic has also denied monitoring access to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and disconnected 27 surveillance cameras from nuclear sites.

In response, the United Nations nuclear watchdog has now censured the Islamic Republic. The IAEA has also published a report on undeclared nuclear materials found at three nuclear sites.

These are red flags that cannot be ignored any longer. The Islamic Republic has been steadfast in its ambition to develop nuclear technology. Nuclear weapons at the disposal of a regime that murders minors, rapes innocent girls, and executes unarmed protestors, will endanger world stability and peace, especially as they have proven to be so very untrustworthy and unstable.

A nuclear-armed Islamic Republic will cause world tension and increase the risk of confrontation in an area that is geopolitically important. There will be the risk of nuclear proliferation which may then create an environment of severe hostility in an already tense region of the world. The Islamic Republic has repeatedly called for the destruction of the state of Israel and for Israel to be 'wiped off the face of the earth'.

Mr. Foreign Secretary, prevention is better than a cure. The only guarantee that Iran will not become a nuclear state is to have an Iran that is not an Islamic Republic.

The revolution you are witnessing is an organic uprising in Iran, and this movement has continued with the loss of life since the 16th of September 2022. The civilians are unarmed but are standing firm in the face of severe brutality and injustice.

The FCDO summoned the Islamic Republic's chief diplomat after the execution of Mr. Mohsen Shekari, with a clear view that "Iran must immediately halt executions and end the violence against its own people."

This had no effect as on 12.12.2022, Mr. Rahnavard was executed in public in the city of Mashad.

It may not be possible to 'steer' this regime in a better direction as they have shown no regard for Human Rights or International norms. The FCDO is attempting to guide a regime that murders, rapes, and injures minors purposely and with no remorse

Previous letters have been sent to your attention requesting immediate and firm action to be taken against a dictatorship that regards dialogue with no firm action as a possible weakness.

We once again ask for immediate action to be considered that will deter the Islamic Republic's ability from killing unarmed civilians as well as actions that will support the unarmed protestors in Iran;

- 1) The IRGC to be prescribed to the list of terror organisations.
- 2) The expulsion of the Islamic Republic embassy staff as well as scrutinizing the license of the Islamic Republic's 'Islamic Centres' in the UK, as these centres have a representative of Ayatollah Khamenei operating freely within the U.K.
- 3) Sanctioning Iranian-registered aircraft from U.K. airspace.

The only guarantee of a nuclear-free Iran is an Iran free from the Islamic Republic.

Kind regards,

Association of Iranian Human Rights and Allies