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Dear Prime Minister,

Call to action: Atrocities and crimes against humanity in Iran.

Since the murder of the young 22-year-old Mahsa Amini by the Islamic Republic's morality police, mass protests for women's rights as well as calls for the downfall of the Islamic Republic have spread to over 200 Iranian towns. The protests are referred to as a revolution within Iran, as the ultimate aim is the fall of the theocratic dictatorship.

The world is now witnessing a homegrown organic revolution that has now entered its seventh week.

The Islamic Republic has responded with a brutal and inhumane crackdown. This has resulted in many other young Iranians dying in the demonstrations.

Daily, there is evidence of gross violations of Human Rights and crimes against unarmed protestors, many of whom are teenagers. Mobile phone footage provides evidence of protestors beaten to death in the streets, and protestors dying in the streets as a result of direct ammunition discharge into the crowds. There is ample evidence to indicate many died due to a single bullet wound to the head or neck, as a result of sniper fire. Shotguns are used at close range causing injuries and fatalities. The protestors are unarmed.

Against international law and norms, ambulances commandeered by the Islamic Republic security forces are ferrying the injured to unknown locations and their fate remains unknown.

Injured protestors are being arrested at hospitals and taken into custody. Iranian medics are forced to falsify death certificates, cause of injury, and rape.

More recently, the Islamic Republic secret service has started to kidnap young teenage girls from the streets of Iran.

These actions are unacceptable and reprehensible and the democracies in the world need to make a firm stance regarding these criminal atrocities against humanity.

The crimes against humanity must be addressed as a matter of urgency by the free world. Since the evidence of a crackdown emerged on social media, the democracies of the free world and the international community have stood in solidarity with the Iranian nation. This solidarity has filled Iranian hearts and spirits with warmth, but the brutality and crimes of the Islamic Republic have intensified, as these gestures have little weight and meaning in a theocratic dictatorship.

A dictatorship in decline will only respond to coordinated international pressure and the solidarity shown on the international stage must now be put into action. It is now obvious that the regime in Tehran is incapable and unwilling to stop the killings, torture, and rape and they have an incapability and unwillingness to institute an internal inquiry or internal accountability into these heinous acts as the order to kill unarmed protestors is probably from the head of government and the grand leader of the Islamic Republic.

There are unconfirmed reports that a leak from within the ministry of justice has placed the death toll of protestors at over 2,000. This toll, many of which are teenagers and the young, will continue to grow if the international community does not unite in action.

The Association of Iranian Human Rights and Allies requests for all the leaders of the free world to co-ordinate meaningful action against a theocratic dictatorship that has mercilessly killed its people, has spread terror networks and instability in the near East, and has been non-compliant with its nuclear commitment. A nuclear-armed Islamic Republic will be a direct threat to world peace and stability.

A coordinated plan of action may include;

- 1) All democracies to issue a coordinated statement condemning the atrocities in Iran and recalling their ambassadors or representatives from Iran. The Islamic regime may reciprocate by withdrawing their representatives.
- 2) The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action should be terminated with immediate effect. The Islamic Republic has made it very difficult for this framework, which is less than ideal, to work. The aim of the regime in Tehran is nuclear technology and they have resorted to every devious and deceivable action

and manner to advance their cause at the severe detriment of the Iranian economy and at the risk of world peace.

- 3) The United Nations is to consider an emergency special session at the Human Rights Council. The U.N should have by now considered investigating these crimes and holding the Islamic Republic to account.
- 4) Strict sanctions to be imposed on the Islamic Republic and for the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) to be recognized as a terrorist organization. Sanctions may be extended to include Iranian registered aircraft flying through European Union and British airspace, as well as Iranian merchant ships docking at European ports. To date, many sanctions involving individuals have had no effect.
- 5) The United States and its allies in Europe and beyond unanimously condemn the Islamic Republic through a resolution at the U.N general assembly.
- 6) The leading world democracies, such as the United Kingdom, United States, and the European Union work closely with their allies to sanction the Islamic Republic and ensure that these sanctions are correctly implemented against the Islamic Republic. Countries in Asia, such as India, need to condemn the Islamic Republic and stand with their Allies in condemning and sanctioning the Islamic Republic.

A coordinated unified approach by the democracies and the international community will force the Islamic Republic to abstain from the current massacre of unarmed youngsters in Iran.

A firm and strict response to these atrocities, rather than gestures will send a strong signal to Tehran that they will be held to account for their crimes.

Without these measures, the killings, torture, and rape of the young will continue and the dictators will be emboldened by their more repressive and inhumane actions. A nuclear Islamic Republic will be an extremely dangerous state.

Inaction now may result in a dangerous and difficult path to negotiate in the near future.

Yours Sincerely,

Association of Iranian Human Rights and Allies

