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Ref: Professor Azadeh Kian-Thiebaut.

The above named presented a speech to the European Union (E.U) regarding the recent and ongoing demonstrations in Iran.

As you are by now aware, a 22-year-old Iranian girl, Mahsa Amini, was arrested by the Islamic 'morality' police in Tehran as they deemed her enforced Islamic hejab inappropriate.

She was beaten over the head with batons and arrested. She collapsed whilst in custody and died on 16.09.2022 as a result of a skull fracture.

This tragic and criminal act by the Islamic Republic has led to mass protests that have spread to over 160 cities and towns in Iran.

The demonstrations, led by brave young Iranian women, are calling for equality, human rights and in almost all cases, for the downfall of the Islamic Republic.

The Islamic Republic has responded with a brutal crackdown. Many other young Iranians have now died in the demonstrations or in custody.

Professor Kian-Thiebaut discussed the unjustified attacks upon the prestigious Shariff University. With regret, she has only scratched the surface of the current situation in Iran and did not mention previous uprisings and the resulting mass death tolls inflicted upon the civilians, such as the November 2019 uprising.

She has provided no in-depth detail of the illegal and unjustified murder of unarmed civilian protestors. She has also failed to express the very grave situation that the protestors face in the streets. She has also omitted the fact that over 88 unarmed civilians were killed in the Southeastern city of Zahedan.

Young innocent unarmed girls such as 23-year-old Hadis Najafi are being executed in the streets after their arrest. Young girls such as 16-year-old Sarina Esmailzadeh are being beaten to death in the streets of Iran. Innocent girls, like 17-year-old Nika Shakarami, have been arrested and their lifeless bodies are being returned to their parents. We dare not comprehend or imagine the pain and suffering and probable rape that they had to endure before death. Nika's family have also been arrested in an attempt to silence her grieving family.

The E.U has previously invited 'experts' on Iranian matters to be able to gauge and understand current events in Iran. Many of these experts are failing to provide the E.U with an in-depth knowledge of current events.

The Islamic Republic is a theocratic dictatorship that has a four decade resume of executions, assassinations, murder as well as forming and sponsoring terror organisations and networks in the near East. It has shown no regard for human rights and has continuously failed to conform to international norms. Sea piracy, downing civilian airliners, hostage taking of European as well as

American and European dual nationals and calling for the annihilation and destruction of the state of Israel are but just a few examples to mention.

The E.U is now faced with two potential serious stand-offs. President Putin has launched an illegal and unjustified war in Ukraine. The European continent is now potentially at the mercy of Russia and its supply of gas.

The Islamic Republic has been steadfast in its pursuit of nuclear technology. The United States and E.U have appeased an unpredictable, unstable, and untrustworthy regime in Tehran. A new round of negotiations is being ironically delayed by the regime in Tehran. It is a concern to observe the E.U compromise with a regime that has no regard for human rights or international norms. The state of Israel is most concerned as they believe that regardless of a new nuclear deal, the Islamic Republic is far too close to its final objective to halt uranium enrichment.

The E.U needs to fully support the current movement in Iran. The young and brave Iranians are demonstrating for an Iran that will be democratic, free, secular and will rejoin the international community as a responsible and productive member.

On the first of October 2022, many European cities stood with the Iranians in a show of solidarity. It is now high time that their legal representatives in Europe follow suit and support the Iranian people.

A new democratic Iran will not have any ambitions or desires for nuclear weapons. Iran can and will negate the threat of Russia's Putin interrupting energy supplies to the European continent.

The E.U stands proud with its principles of human rights, freedoms, and democracy. We request that the E.U re-evaluates the true extent of the crimes of the Islamic Republic, as well as the current brutal crackdown the protestors face in the streets of Iran.

We request that the E.U considers and immediate condemnation of the Islamic Republic and to hold this regime accountable for gross violations of human rights. We also request that the E.U considers further sanctions to include sanctions on all Iranian registered civilian, cargo, and military aircraft from flying over E.U. airspace. Sanctions should also be considered on Iranian merchant shipping in all E.U ports.

We also call for the unanimous condemnation of the Islamic Republic for their historical abuse of human rights, including the killing and execution of thousands of opponents and protestors.

We sincerely hope that for the sake of freedom, democracy, secularism and human rights, the E.U will stand with the Iranian nation.

Kind Regards,

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