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No: 560-LR-5051

His Excellency Ban-Ki Moon
Secretary General of United Nations
The United Nations
New York, NY 10017

Re: Condemnation of Executions by the Theocratic Regime in Iran

Your Excellency,

My compatriots and I vehemently condemn the savage execution of innocent prisoners of conscience by the theocratic regime in Iran. We urge the international community to join us in our outrage, as we demand the immediate and unconditional release of all prisoners of conscience and an end to the practice of torture and execution. We are deeply concerned about the physical health and welfare of prisoners of conscience, who are subjected to arbitrary arrest and detention, interrogation, summary trials, and inhumane treatment without adequate legal representation.

According to Human Rights in Iran, a Canadian based NGO, dozens of our compatriots were executed in Rajai Shahr Prison in Karaj, Iran, over the past few days for no reason other than being Sunni Muslims. One of the prisoners, Barzan Nasrollah, was not even eighteen years old at the time of his arrest. Family members of the prisoners have already been advised to pick up the corpses. Human Rights in Iran has identified seven Sunni prisoners, who are currently held in solitary confinement waiting to be executed. These seven prisoners are: Ghasem Abeste, Davud Abdollahi, Kamran Sheykhe, Khosro Besharat, Ayub Karimi, Anvar Khezri and Farhad Salimi. The names of other prisoners of conscience, whose execution order is awaiting final review, include: Kave Veisi, Behrouz Shahnazari, Taleb Maleki, Shahram Ahmadi, Kave Sharifi, Arash Sharifi, Varya Ghaderifard, Keyvan Momenifard, Barzan Nasrollahzade, Alem Barmashti, Poursya Mohammadi, Ahmad Nasiri, Edris Nemati, Farzad Honarju, Seyed Shahu Ebrahimi, Mohammad Yavar Rahimi, Bahman Rahimi, Mokhtar Rahimi, Mohammad Gharibi, Farshid Naseri, Mohammad Keyvan Karimi, Amjad Salehi, Omid Peyvand, Ali Mojahedi, Hekmat Sharifi, Omar Abdollahi, Omid Mahmudi, Abdolrahman Sangani and Seyed Jamal Seyed Musavi.

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We appeal to the international community to take concrete measures beyond condemnations and the passage of resolutions. It is time for urgent action. We, representing humanity, bear a moral obligation to stand up against the inhumane treatment of others, regardless of their ethnicity, race, religion and gender. With a sincere conviction in secularism and the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Iranians across the political spectrum are united behind the vision of the Iran National Council for Free Elections, so that we can realize our common goal through non-violent civil disobedience. This vision can be realized with the moral support of the international community.

I thank you sincerely for your consideration and offer my unqualified assistance on this urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Reza Pahlavi", is positioned above a horizontal line. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Reza Pahlavi
President of the Iran National Council for Free Elections

