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**To: Josep Borrell Fontelles**, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and European Commission Vice-President.

Dear High Representative,

It has already been over four months since the death of Mahsa Amini, who died due to a violent arrest made by the Iranian morality police for not wearing her hijab in accordance with government standards. Her death sparked massive protests in Iran, supported by all layers of society in order to protest against the repressive policies of the Iranian government. Ever since, the government of the Islamic Republic has tried to repress the movement by deploying brutal measures to quell any word of discontent. Starting with violence, intimidation and torture, the Iranian regime has now resorted to executing protesters, a most barbaric act and clearly a show of determination of the regime.

The Iranian people are facing a relentless regime, while merely wanting to exercise their universal, basic human rights. This violent repression of millions requires a firm and strong European response. The current European (restrictive) measures taken are by far not enough to deter the Iranian regime.

We, the undersigned Members of the European Parliament, call on you to undertake the following actions as soon as possible:

- Designate the IRGC (Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps) in its entirety as a terrorist organisation.
- Expand the EU sanctions list with Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, President Ebrahim Raisi, Prosecutor General Mohammad Jafar Montazeri and other individuals responsible for violations of human rights.
- Coordinate and facilitate measures to ensure the safety of the Iranian diaspora in the EU and restrict the access of sanctioned Iranian individual's family members to European facilities such as universities.
- Clearly communicate that further executions of innocent Iranian protestors would lead to additional restrictive measures, including economic sanctions.
- Expand the EU embargo list of dual-use products.
- Ensure the correct application and enforcement of the sanction regimes.

Furthermore, we would like to emphasise Iran's despicable role in the war in Ukraine by supplying arms and other means of support to Russia. This fact has to be taken into account, as Iran is thus aiding a criminal Russian state, which keeps on terrorizing the people of Ukraine through relentless bombing of civilians and critical infrastructure.

Yours sincerely,

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