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**Subject:** Call for Action Against Iranian Regime's Schemes

Dear Hon. Charles Michel,

Dear Hon. Ursula von der Leyen,

Dear Hon. Roberta Metsola,

Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau

I wish to convey our strong dismay regarding the recent alarming scheme orchestrated by the Iranian regime against the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI/MEK) and its member refugees. This plot needs swift condemnation, and call upon you and the EU to take decisive measures.

As you might have heard, on July 29, 2023, the Iranian regime's judiciary announced the issuance of an indictment against the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran, along with 104 of its members, insisting that they appoint legal representation in Tehran, Iran. Notably, these defendants are refugees hailing from European nations or residents of Ashraf 3 in Albania, having spent the last four decades outside Iran's borders.

The Iranian regime, grappling with vulnerability and fearing the growing wave of uprisings, has found itself unable to suppress the PMOI/MEK and its resistance units within its own borders. Consequently, it has resorted to such tactics in a bid to impose constraints on its organized opposition abroad, potentially paving the way for acts of terrorism.

The absence of a response and the failure to take action by the European Union subsequent to the unwarranted attack on Ashraf 3, Albania on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 executed under the pretext of unfounded allegations made by the Iranian regime, leading to the tragic loss of a refugee's life and the injury of numerous others, has unquestionably bolstered the regime's confidence in its ongoing pursuit. Simultaneously, officials in Tehran are actively pushing for the extradition of individuals they view as their main opposition.



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The massacre of 1988 serves as a grim reminder, when, in the aftermath of Khomeini's fatwa, around 30,000 young political prisoners—90% of whom were affiliated with the PMOI—were executed by death committees within a matter of weeks, following minute trials without legal counsel.

What do history lessons and actions by the clerical regime tell us? This is a signal by the clerical regime challenging international norms and laws, and aiming to stifle the rightful and popular opposition, both domestically and internationally, especially as the one-year anniversary of the protests swiftly approaches.

I believe the EU which has been built on pillars of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law, must firmly oppose any endeavor to suppress legitimate opposition and silence dissenting voices.

The Iranian regime's manipulation to target the PMOI and its supporters on European soil is a grave challenge to the very foundations upon which the European Union is built.

Considering the stated points, I earnestly request you and the relevant authorities within the European Union to undertake the following:

First and foremost, denounce the oppressive actions targeting the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran and its 104 members, carried out under the pretext of judicial procedures. It is imperative to prevent Tehran from manipulating our democratic values with such deceitful tactics, thereby thwarting any potential for terrorist activities and safeguarding the security of Europe.

Second, Establishment of an international court to prosecute those accountable for crimes against humanity within the Iranian regime. Furthermore, I urge the regime to present all its allegations and evidence against the opposition before this court if it speaks the truth.

Remaining silent in the face of the Iranian regime, notorious for its extensive executions, is equivalent to permitting ongoing bloodshed within Iran, flouting global standards and laws, and compromising the safety of Iranian refugees on European land.

Lastly, I urge you to ensure the complete protection of Iranian political refugees within Ashraf-3, upholding their rights under the 1951 Geneva Convention, the European Convention on Human Rights, and international law. This includes upholding the rights to freedom of expression and



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assembly, commitments that the Prime Minister of Albania wholeheartedly endorsed in a letter addressed to the Vice President of the European Parliament back in April 2016. Upholding this pledge would mark a significant stride towards Albania's accession to the European Union.

In closing, I urge you, distinguished leaders, to champion the values of democracy, justice, and human rights once again in Europe and the West.

Sincerely,

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