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Her Excellency Giorgia Meloni
Prime Minister, Italy

Honorable Emmanuel Macron
President, Republic of France

The Right Honourable Rishi Sunak
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

Honorable Olaf Scholz
Chancellor of Germany

Sent via email to above parties

Dear Honorable Madam/Sirs,

We are writing this letter as a diverse group of Iranians and Middle Eastern organizations in the diaspora to bring to your attention the uprising that has been going on in our homeland of Iran for the past six weeks. We would like to ask for your help to make your policies and actions consistent with your core values as European leaders.

While the protests started against the murder of an Iranian girl, Mahsa Amini at the hands of the Sharia Police, it soon spread to issues beyond mandatory Hijab and Sharia Law, turning into a full-fledged movement to overthrow the entire Islamic Republic theocracy.

Hundreds of protesters, many of whom women and children, have been brutally killed by the Islamic militia and armed plain-cloths agents of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corp (IRGC). They have used firearms, batons, and other deadly weapons to crackdown the unarmed youths who are asking for their most fundamental rights of expression and assembly.

Unfortunately, European governments have been far too complacent about the nefarious actions of the Islamic Republic regime, both domestically and internationally.



From campaigns of assassinations of dissidents including an ex-prime minister exiled in France, to coordinating with drug cartels, to igniting sectarian wars all over the Middle East and creating waves of asylum seekers in Europe, the Islamic Republic has been a menace to Europe's security and stability for decades.

However, many European leaders by looking the other way, has succumbed to the bullying trait of the Islamic Regime in Tehran.

Despite repeated failures, various European governments insists on the policy of appeasing the terrorist regime in Tehran and trying to bargain with the different factions within the regime. The regime knows this and capitalizes on this shortsightedness.

Islamic Regime officials have been too confident by threatening their European counterparts a fabricated narrative that meddling into their affairs could open up floodgate of refugees to the already over-taxed European Union.

Your years of silence and appeasement policy has empowered the nefarious Islamic leadership in Tehran to openly admit to its role in providing Russia with suicide drones to target civilians in Ukraine.

In the face of this blatant violation of international treaties, European governments have thus far, exercised reluctance, to hold the Islamic Regime accountable. Europe suffers from a lack of strategic vision and lucid policy to restore international order. It is vitally urgent to bring this vision back in focus.

Given the strategic alliance between Russia and Iran, we believe Europe must treat them with the same set of policies and extend its sweeping regime of sanctions and boycott of Russia to the Islamic Republic. This is both pragmatic and ethical. The Islamic Republic has sided with Russia in this war and must be treated as a Russian ally. Also, similar to sanctions on Russian Oligarchs, members of the Iranian Oligarchy should be banned from traveling to and be sanctioned in Europe as well.

We have seen evidence of Iranian regime officials using commercial and private flights to send their families to Europe. In addition, these transfers of people and money has resulted in many Iranians questioning Europe's commitment to the values it represents. We think it is good policy and good politics to extend the oligarch ban and sanctions to the Iranian counterparts of the Russian oligarchs.



Therefore, we call for an immediate halt to trade with the Islamic Republic, and a comprehensive regime of sanctions against not just regime officials, since they are interchangeable, but the entirety of the regime.

Furthermore, we call upon all the European countries to immediately cut diplomatic ties with the regime and recall their ambassadors in Tehran.

This move will send a strong signal to the Islamic Republic regime that it is no longer tolerated as member of the international community, and it is time for it to let go of power and allow the people of Iran to elect their own leaders.

The stark reality on the ground is a testimony to the resilience of the Iranians and their determination to reclaim their integrity, self-respect, and destiny, so it behooves the European nations to stand on the right side of history.

With Liberty,

Iranian Americans for Liberty
<https://iranianamericansforliberty.org>

Constitutional Party of Iran
<https://iranapi.net>

American Mideast Coalition for Democracy
<http://americanmideast.com>

Persian American Civic Action Network
<https://www.pacan.us>

European Iranian Association for Peace and Friendship (EIAPF)
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkByFhZLxFqz1fTaVuvmwGg>

The Association for the Promotion of Open Society (APOS)
<https://opensocietyalliance.org>

Council of Iranian Canadians
<https://twitter.com/CouncilOfIC>

