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Dear Mr/Ms/Sir/Madam

On 15th November 2019, protests broke out nationally across Iran following a sudden spike in fuel prices. The peaceful protests were met with brutality and horrific violence, with many innocent civilians caught up in the bloodshed. In November 2019, we were all witness to the uproar in Iran and the unequalled violence that followed. Authorities in Iran, afraid of what the world might see, shut down the internet and pulled the curtains back on their own heinous crimes. This allowed them to incite unprecedented violence against people that left thousands killed, injured, forcibly disappeared, detained and tortured. According to reports at least 1500 people were shot by the security forces, thousands were wounded and more than 8000 were arrested. After two years, many are still in prison, some families are not even aware where their loved one is detained or buried.

In the fight against systematic impunity and disregard for human rights, the Iran Atrocities (Aban) Tribunal, an international people's tribunal to investigate the alleged commission of crimes against humanity by Iranian authorities during and following the November 2019 crackdown in Iran, is an important step. It is the lack of accountability and inaction that have allowed such violations to take place without any consequences. The

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international community has failed to give victims redress for what they were unjustly made to suffer.

I urge the international bodies and UN member states including the Swedish government to respond to the compelling evidence put forward by the courageous witnesses at the Iran Atrocities (Aban) Tribunal and take urgent action to tackle the crisis of impunity in Iran by:

- 1) Establishing an independent investigatory mechanism through the UN Human Rights Council to collect, preserve and analyse evidence of serious crimes under international law committed in Iran to facilitate fair criminal proceedings.

- 2) Utilising domestic and regional accountability mechanisms, such as the Magnitsky Acts and other regimes of human rights sanctions to hold the individuals accused by the Tribunal of crime against humanity and other international crimes responsible for the atrocities accountable.

Yours sincerely

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