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The need for an ongoing and unified European condemnation of the Iranian Government's current murderous repression of its people

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This written declaration does not reflect the position of the Assembly; only of those members that have signed it. It will not be considered further by the Assembly.

We, the undersigned, declare the following:

We express our utter abhorrence and repugnance over the brutal murder, on 16 September 2022, by the so called Iranian "morality police" of a young Iranian woman, internationally recognised as Mahsa Amini, for allegedly wearing her hijab the wrong way.

We furthermore fully support the Iranian people in their struggle against the barbaric regime, and note with alarm the regime's subsequent, and ongoing, slaughter of hundreds of innocent Iranian civilians participating in peaceful demonstrations. We are also witnessing, and condemn, the massacre committed by the regime in killing political prisoners and others in the notorious Evin prison.

We consider the movement's slogan "Woman, Life, Freedom!" a most dignified inspiration for millions of Iranian women and men in Iran who seek to cast off a decades-old, now encouragingly enough creaking, yoke of regime oppression.

Finally, we call for continued strong pan-European solidarity with the protesters in their noble struggle for fundamental rights and freedoms of all Iranians.

A clear diplomatic stance against the Iranian regime and tough sanctions must be imposed on those responsible for the oppression.

Signed (see overleaf)



*Signed*¹:

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