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Dear Prime Minister,

We write to you with grave concerns about the situation in Iran. Following the tragic killing of Mahsa Amini at the hands of Iran's notorious 'morality police', we are alarmed at the violent repression of protesters by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), the ideological army of the Islamic Republic. At least 200 people are reported to have died, with many more civilian activists likely killed and unjustly imprisoned.

The time has come for the UK and its allies to support Iran's courageous protestors and take a stand against the regime and its terrorist enforcers, the IRGC.

Iran's regime has vowed to confront protestors "mercilessly, going as far as causing deaths". The IRGC and other regime security forces have systematically used live fire against peaceful protestors, many of which are led by women. Children are amongst the dead. Demonstrators have been beaten to death and tortured as they demand an end to the Islamic Republic's decades-long repression of women and dissent.

Since coming to power in 2021, hard-line President Ibrahim Raisi has escalated his efforts to 'purify' Iran. The imprisonment of opposition activists, repression of women and regional destabilisation have accelerated under Raisi, a protégée and potential successor to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei. It is in response to this worsening draconian rule that hundreds of thousands of Iranians in all provinces and from all classes are demanding their freedom with unprecedented unity.

The deplorable tactics used against the people of Iran are symptomatic of the IRGC's campaign of terror abroad. The brutal attempted murder of British author Sir Salman Rushdie in August was the tragic culmination of a decades-long attempt to silence dissent and critics abroad.

The long-standing threat presented by the IRGC to the UK and our allies is clear. The IRGC-sponsored Hezbollah terror group - proscribed in the UK - was behind a major bomb plot foiled in London in 2015. A British National was killed aboard the MV Mercer Street in 2021. British Members of Parliament were among those attending an Iranian opposition rally in Paris in 2018 which was the target of another IRGC-coordinated attack.

We commend the government's decision to sanction Iran's 'morality police' and other security figures. However, despite the escalating terror of the IRGC and the Islamic Republic, the UK still has not proscribed the IRGC itself as a terrorist entity. The UK government's proscription of Iranian proxies Hezbollah and Hamas in full was right, but these steps are insufficient while the IRGC still operates with impunity.

In response to the Islamic Republic's campaign of terror abroad and draconian repression at home, we call on His Majesty's government to proscribe the IRGC in full.

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