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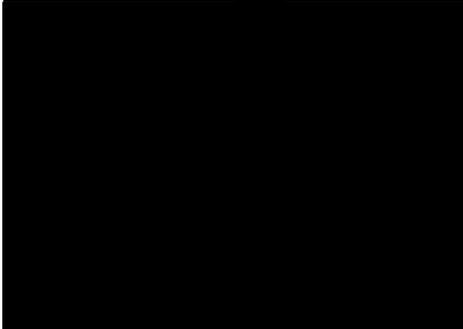
In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and with reference to the UA IRN 12 / 2025 dated 13 August 2025 enclosed with the Joint Urgent Appeal from Special Procedures, has the honor to transmit herewith, comments from the High Council for Human Rights of the Islamic Republic of Iran in this regard.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Regarding the correspondence No. UA IRN ۱۲/۲۰۲۵ dated August ۱۳, ۲۰۲۵, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran firmly rejects all unsubstantiated and biased claims made. The correspondence is based on false information and fabricated claims made by hostile and terrorist groups and lacks any legal or factual validity. The response of the Government of Iran, broken down into the following areas, is provided below:

۱. Emphasis on national sovereignty, the principle of non-interference and respect for the sovereignty of other countries

The Islamic Republic of Iran, as an independent and sovereign country, always emphasizes adherence to the principles of the United Nations Charter, especially the principle of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries. Iran's judicial, security and executive measures are taken solely within the framework of the country's domestic laws and international obligations, and no extrajudicial measures or interference in the internal affairs of other countries are taken. Assessments and judgments must be made in light of this legal framework and in compliance with the principle of respect for the national sovereignty of Iran and other countries. The Islamic Republic of Iran adheres to the principle of mutual respect and cooperation based on international law, and any legal action is taken solely within the framework of defending security, public order, and the rights of its citizens.

۲. Rejecting the generality and political nature of the correspondence

This correspondence, instead of citing reliable facts and documents, is based on a one-sided and distorted narrative from unreliable and hostile sources and has no purpose other than to advance specific political goals against Iran's sovereignty

and national security. Such actions are considered a clear abuse of international human rights mechanisms to pressure independent countries.

۳. Regarding Iran International Channel

Iran International is not an independent and impartial news channel; rather, based on credible evidence, it's a media tool controlled by foreign governments and hostile groups with purely political goals. In this regard, it is sufficient to mention that on October ۲۷, ۲۰۲۲, the Economist magazine while pointing to the efforts of some countries to change the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, referring to the channel called Iran International, stated: "... they established this news channel to cover the news of the protests in Iran with embellishments and exaggeration; to give even small demonstrations in remote cities a inciting coverage". Therefore, it can be said that the activities of this channel were aimed at inciting violence, disturbing public opinion, spreading false news and participating in psychological warfare against the Islamic Republic of Iran, which is also punishable under international counter-terrorism laws. Iran's actions against this channel are based on the sovereign right of each country to confront threats to its national security and territorial integrity. However, the following is some documentation revealing the terrorist nature of the Iran International Channel during the ۲۰۲۲ unrest from the territory of the United Kingdom, which is also a gross violation of Codes ۲ and ۳ of the Ofcom Broadcasting Code.

- a) Violation of the ۱۹۶۱ and ۱۹۶۳ Vienna Conventions and the ۱۹۷۳ New York Anti-Terrorism Convention by encouraging and inciting people to commit terrorist acts against diplomats and diplomatic posts of the Islamic Republic of Iran abroad:

- [REDACTED] stated on the Iran International satellite channel on September ۲۰, ۲۰۲۲ during a video call with the

host of the channel, [REDACTED]: “Iranians abroad should go and take over the embassies. ... Let's go and take over the embassies. This is the time for people abroad to show that we are willing to take risks like the people inside the country. We are willing to pay the price, we are willing to be imprisoned. We are willing to suffer the same calamity that befell us inside. ... What are the political groups afraid of?! Don't be afraid...”

- [REDACTED], resident of [REDACTED] guest of the channel on September ۲۳, ۲۰۲۲ at ۱۸:۳۴ (۱۶:۰۴ London time) in a video call with the host of the Iran International channel [REDACTED], stated: “We must occupy the streets abroad. The embassies of the Islamic Republic of Iran abroad should be taken over by women and us...”
- [REDACTED] (a member of the leadership of the official line Hekmatist Party); resident of [REDACTED] guest of Iran International Channel on September ۲۶, ۲۰۲۲ at ۲۲:۲۰ (۱۹:۰۰ London time) in a video call with the host of the channel ([REDACTED]) stated: “The embassies of the Islamic Republic should be destroyed over their heads, they should not dare to keep the doors of any embassy open, they should not dare...”

b) Leading and encouraging people to commit violent and terrorist acts through the use of weapons and explosives:

- [REDACTED], as a guest on the International Channel on October ۲۱, ۲۰۲۲ at ۰۹:۱۲, encouraged people to use weapons against law enforcement officers and stated in a video message: “These young people even bring cannons and tanks to the streets if

they have to. The response to bullets is bullets. The response to fists is fists. The response to tear gas is Molotov cocktails. Today, one of the greatest things that the Iranian nation and the youth of my homeland can do is [use] Molotov cocktails as opposed to tear gas. ... I can give the addresses of several points inside my country where they can obtain weapons”.

c) Encouraging people to carry out acts of sabotage and also terrorist acts against law enforcement officers:

- ██████████ as a guest on the Channel on December ۲, ۲۰۲۲ at ۲۱:۰۰, stated: “Supporting and expanding strikes, now both business and labor strikes and student strikes and the discussion of boycotting midterm exams are on the agenda, and things like that, I think is very important, and it should be with a general goal of occupying the streets, otherwise, the seizure of power is not practical. Now, the steps that leads to this goal are honorable sabotage. It is civil disobedience. Individual and group movements should be somehow connected to something collective. In war, you can't really adhere to certain moral qualities. That is, recognizing the fact that we are at war with the Islamic Republic... I think even that desire for revenge is a moral desire. That is, for me personally, I cannot sit down and say, 'Don't be a tyrant.' Because I can understand completely that sometimes retaliation is the only way to continue... Even now in this situation, if someone is killing, I think it's moral to even kill the officer who is killing, and if you can and you don't, it's immoral”.
- ██████████ as a guest on the Channel on October ۱۱, ۲۰۲۲ at ۲۰:۲۱ Tehran time, stated: “What is happening now is that

people are trying to identify those who are cooperating with the regime, which I think is a very good tactic that you use on the battlefield to spread fear to the enemy. The fear of this identification will cause those who are collaborating with the regime to stop this cooperation. That is, killing those who collaborated with the regime”.

- [REDACTED] as a guest on the Channel on October 28, 2022 at 21:00, stated: “You have no legitimacy, now that you have no legitimacy, what role are you playing? You are playing the role of a hostage-taker. What is a hostage-taker? A hostage-taker is someone who chains another person in their home, tortures them, abuses them, and does whatever they want against them. Then the person who is chained has the right to break the chain and also has the right to strangle, beat, kill, and set the hostage-taker on fire”.
- [REDACTED] as a guest on the network on October 28, 2022 at 21:00, stated: “The people who are protesting on the streets, even if they hit the officers, it is not called violence”.

d) Encouraging and inciting people to disrupt national order and security by blocking roads, attacking and setting fire to government centers, public services, etc.:

- [REDACTED] as a guest on the Channel on October 31, 2022 at 09:10, stated: “The complete conquest of the street has not yet taken place. The conquest of the street is the point where you can settle in different parts of different cities, pitch tents, and take control of parts of the cities permanently. We are moving in that direction. We have not reached that stage yet, but the fact that the street is no longer under the control of the government is what has

happened. You see people coming and chanting slogans on parts of the streets that are not entered at all, and they have completely abandoned some parts when the crowd of people enters the street. Taking control of important parts of the city and many government centers is not at all difficult. It is just that the large population both reduces the cost and intimidates the force of repression”.

- ██████████, as a guest on the Channel on October ۱۴, ۲۰۲۲ at ۰۷:۰۸, stated: “If we consider success to be immobilizing the suppression apparatus and also occupying the streets and government centers, then that final stage of victory requires adopting non-traditional protest methods, including methods such as honorable sabotage for the suppression apparatus, and increasing the cost of repression for the suppression officers, as well as lowering the risk of protests for the people. There is still a lot that can be done in this area that has not been done yet. If we want to achieve the desired success, it seems that the protesters are moving in this direction”.
- ██████████ (a so-called human rights activist) stated as a guest on the Channel on November ۴, ۲۰۲۲ at ۰۰:۱۰ Tehran time: “People should know what the weak point of the repressive forces is. The fact that they use the express lane to transfer their forces, if people can limit those lanes or damage the weak points of the repressive forces in any way, it will make them act much stronger and achieve their goal”.
- A person named ██████████, as a guest on the program on December ۲۴, ۲۰۲۲ at ۲۱:۰۰, stated: “In order for the people, or the gray groups, to join the strikes and protests, the street where the blood of our

youth has been shed must smell of war. In other words, the protesting friends must really set fire to gas stations and banks”.

٤. Rejecting the claims on threats and intimidation

The false claims of threats to kill and intimidation of journalists, their families, and agents affiliated with the International Broadcasting Corporation are completely fabricated and unsubstantiated. These claims have been made mainly by opposition groups and media outlets with a political approach, and no credible evidence has been provided for them. The Islamic Republic of Iran has always emphasized peaceful and respectful interaction with all countries and has not taken any threatening action against the citizens of other countries. These claims are merely propaganda and a media show aimed at tarnishing Iran’s image.

٥. Support for freedom of expression within the framework of the law

The Islamic Republic of Iran respects freedom of expression and media activity within the framework of domestic laws and international norms. No country is allowed to abuse these freedoms to promote violence, incite chaos, or threaten the national security of other countries. Iran’s measures to counter such abuses are completely legitimate and legal within the framework of domestic laws and international regulations.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has thousands of active journalists, media outlets, and critics who operate legally and in accordance with domestic laws, and there are no restrictions on their freedom of association and profession. In addition, more than ١٥٠ foreign media outlets from ٣١ countries, including the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, and Australia, operate in Iran with more than ٣١٥ reporters in different languages, which indicates extensive

interaction with foreign media and the existence of an open news environment in the country.

٦. Response to allegations of violations of international law

The allegations of violations of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) are completely unfounded. The Islamic Republic of Iran guarantees the rights enshrined in the Covenant by enacting and implementing appropriate laws. Iran's actions in confronting security threats have been carried out entirely within the framework of Article ١٩(٣) of the ICCPR and other articles related to legitimate restrictions to protect national security and public order.

٧. Request to reporters for fair assessment

The Islamic Republic of Iran calls on reporters to consider the countries supporting the aforementioned media networks and assess the activities of these media outlets in the context of “media terrorism” and soft war. The financial and political support of these networks by the West has exacerbated the information and security crises, and this fact should be included in the reports.

٨. Warning of the consequences of politicizing human rights

The government of Iran once again warns that the continued politicization of human rights mechanisms to pressure independent countries will not only damage the credibility of international institutions, but will also hinder real and constructive cooperation in the field of promoting human rights worldwide.

Conclusion

The government of the Islamic Republic of Iran firmly rejects all the allegations made and considers them contrary to the facts and lacking legal validity. Iran remains committed to constructive and mutually respectful interaction in the international arena, but will fully defend its sovereign right to defend national security and the supreme interests of the country against any threat or hostile action. Real cooperation is only possible in the light of respect for national sovereignty, avoidance of politicization, and observance of legal and international principles.