



September 25, 2020

The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Foreign Affairs
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Champagne,

Recent events in the Islamic Republic of Iran, including the execution of Navid Afkari, the continuing imprisonment of Nasrin Sotoudeh and the shooting down of the Ukrainian jetliner in January, killing 176 people including 57 Canadians, are of serious concern. These events, and others, undermine Canadian interests and values.

In response to these gross violations of human rights and our interests, we call on the Government of Canada to take the following actions:

1. List immediately Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist organization, which the House of Commons called for in a motion adopted on June 12, 2018, and which the Prime Minister voted for;
2. Act more expeditiously to seek compensation from Iran for the shooting down of Ukrainian International Airlines Flight 752;
3. Impose Magnitsky Sanctions, or equivalent, on those in Iran who have committed gross human rights violations;
4. Continue to ensure that Iran cannot purchase or sell arms on the international market;
5. Hold Iran accountable for its ongoing state sponsorship of terror and numerous violations of international law.

The people of Iran have demonstrated bravery and tenacity in standing up to one of the world's most oppressive regimes in the face of increasing atrocities. Canadians too have been affected by these atrocities and by the loss of many loved ones. Both Canadians and the people of Iran are looking to the government to provide leadership on the world stage.



Finally, more than two years has passed since the House of Commons adopted a motion calling on the executive branch to impose sanctions on the IRGC. More than enough time has passed for the government to act and ensure our democratic norms are respected.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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