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H.E. Mr. Federico Villegas  
President of the Human Rights Council  
Geneva

Excellency,

I write to convey the results of a petition that has a direct connection to the work of the Human Rights Council. More than one million people have signed Amnesty International's petition calling on states to urgently establish an independent UN mechanism to investigate and ensure accountability for the most serious crimes under international law in Iran. This action was organized following the start of nationwide protests sparked by the death in custody of Masha (Zhina) Amini.

As of today, at least 1,009,600 people across 220 countries and territories have taken action to call for such a mechanism. At a time when people in Iran continue to take to the streets at deep risk to their lives and liberty to call for the end of widespread repression and unlawful killings, and a future that respects equality and upholds human rights, it is fitting that the country with the largest number of petitioners is Iran, with at least 258,581 people, representing more than one quarter of all petitioners and more than double the number attributed to any other country.

The ongoing nationwide protests in Iran have inspired solidarity throughout many countries while also spurring outrage in the face of the continued bloody crackdown by Iranian authorities. This is reflected by the fact that supporters of this petition come from the vast majority of member states of the Human Rights Council, including: Argentina, Armenia, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, Côte D'Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic, Eritrea, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Montenegro, Nepal, Netherlands, Pakistan, Paraguay, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Uzbekistan and Venezuela.

On behalf of my organisation, and the more than one million people across the world that have joined in this call for urgent UN action to establish an accountability mechanism on Iran, I respectfully request that you convey this information to the Bureau and the rest of the Human Rights Council membership.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Amnesty International Representative  
to the United Nations, Geneva