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Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the European Union,

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The International Committee in Search of Justice (ISJ), which enjoys the support of thousands of legislators across Europe, wishes urgently to draw your attention to the Iranian regime's latest brazen assault on international law and justice in the European Union.

On July 29, in an official statement, Iran's Judiciary issued 105 indictments for the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI) and 104 named people, most of whom are refugees or citizens of European Union countries, or refugees residing in Albania. The Iranian judiciary has presumptuously demanded that those indicted should present their lawyers within a month.

In tandem, the Iranian state-run media and regime officials boasted about setting the stage for the extradition of these refugees. One report stated: "Kazem Gharibabadi, the secretary of the regime's human rights headquarters, announced the possibility of extraditing Mojahedin members to the country and said that cases have been filed regarding some Mojahedin members in various European countries, but some governments have not dealt with these cases well in their judicial system." (State-controlled media, August 1, 2023).

The government newspaper Jam-e Jam wrote on July 29: "After the legal deputy of the President and the Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs emphasized their pursuit of the extradition of the Mojahedin, the necessary judicial measures for this operation have already been initiated. For the first time, the indictment of 105 fugitive Mojahedin was published on July 30... The extradition process requires the issuance of a verdict for the Mojahedin abroad, and this will enable their implementation and follow-up abroad through Interpol".

This is an absurd exhibition by a regime that does not value the right to defense and has executed tens of thousands of political prisoners after show trials that last only a few minutes. Iran's judiciary is nothing but an execution and killing machine and prefers to see lawyers in prison than in court. Many lawyers have been executed because of their opposition to this regime, and a larger number are in Iranian prisons because they have shown the slightest indication of opposition. This is a regime that has been condemned 69 times by various UN institutions due to its excessive executions and human rights violations. The only supposed 'crime' of these indicted people, like all those who were executed, is that they resisted religious fascism and belong to the PMOI.

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The government of Iran, despite directing 30,000 arrests, 750 deaths and more than 400 executions since the beginning of 2023, has failed to extinguish the flames of the on-going rebellion. But now it seeks to boost the morale of its suppressive forces and to attempt to paralyze its main organized opposition outside of Iran, with these bogus court cases.

Unfortunately, repeated aggressive actions against the Iranian opposition, by the Iranian regime, have been met with silence or indecisive action by the EU, emboldening Tehran to issue these ridiculous indictments. The release of Assadollah Assadi, the Iranian regime's terrorist diplomat, was a case in point. Assadi commanded the biggest terrorist incident in Europe in decades and yet was released by the Belgian government, in direct response to the Iranian regime's hostage-taking of a Belgian citizen. Similarly, the attack on the Iranian refugees in Ashraf 3 in Albania, on June 20 this year, based on false information provided by Tehran, was another disgraceful act of appeasement of this criminal regime.

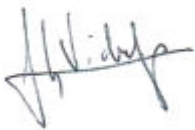
Considering the above points, we ask you and the relevant authorities in the EU's Member States, firmly to condemn the repressive measures against the PMOI and indicted named members, under the cover of these irrational judicial measures instigated by the regime. The EU should also ensure the basic rights and freedoms of the refugees who are members of the PMOI in Ashraf 3 in Albania and guarantee that they enjoy all the rights stipulated in the 1951 Geneva Convention and the European Convention on Human Rights and International Law, including the freedom of speech and assembly. These are the rights that the Prime Minister of Albania committed to in a letter to the Vice President of the European Parliament in April 2016. Adhering to this commitment would constitute a very positive step for Albania's entry into the European Union.

Finally, it is our sincere conviction that those responsible for crimes against humanity and human rights abuse in the Iranian regime should themselves be indicted and brought before the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

Yours sincerely,

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