



***Canadian Friends of a Democratic Iran
Amis Canadiens d'un Iran Démocratique***

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Hon. Chrystia Freeland, P.C.
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0G2

Dear Minister Freeland,

RE: Concerns re activities of spies of Iranian regime

We are writing to bring to your attention the recent report of the German Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (Verfassungsschutzbericht 2016). It indicates that the Iranian regime uses its presence in Germany, most notably through its embassy, to spy on and gather intelligence about Iranian dissidents. Predictably, the main targets of the Iranian regime through the MOIS and the IRGC as its agents abroad are the main opposition to the regime: the National Council of Resistance of Iran and the PMOI.

Our NGO has followed with alarm the dreadful condition of human dignity in Iran for the past several years and the activities of the regime's spies under various pretexts. In a revelation in a TV interview, Ali Fallahian, the former Minister of Intelligence (who is on a Red Alert watchlist of Interpol for implications in bombing the AMIA Centre in Buenos Aires), acknowledged: "We of course will send intelligence agents to foreign countries with a proper cover such as reporters or other covers. You don't send agents saying these are our intelligence agents".

We urge you to ensure that the our national features of human dignity, freedom and democratic institutions are not compromised by the activities and espionage of any authoritarian regime, most notably the Iranian MOIS and IRGC. Thank you.

Warmest regards,

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CC:

H.E. Antonio Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations
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