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Title: **SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT FOR THE WOMEN OF IRAN**

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1 The European Green Party expresses its deep concern at the continued and
2 escalating use of force by the Iranian security forces, the bloody crackdown on
3 the demonstrations and the increasing number of civilian casualties. EGP also
4 expresses its deep sorrow for the dozens of dead and the large number of
5 injured, including many children, as a result of the use of violence by the
6 Iranian security forces. The developments in Iran and the attempt to suppress by
7 violent means the protests that broke out, triggered by the death of Mahsa
8 Amini, on 16 September 2022, three days after her arrest in Tehran for violating
9 the mandatory use of the hijab, highlights a major democratic deficit.

10 Denouncing the attempt to restrict freedom of expression by restricting access
11 to the internet and social media platforms, and recognising that every person
12 has the right to live freely and to be respected regardless of gender, language,
13 religion, ethnicity and sexual orientation, the EGP invites the Iranian
14 government to take into account the appeal from the Secretary-General of the
15 United Nations towards Iran to exercise the utmost restraint, and on its
16 security forces to refrain from using unnecessary or disproportionate force, in
17 order to avoid further escalation.

18 Having regard to all the above and the remarks of the UN Special Rapporteur on
19 the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, of 18 July 2022,
20 and in particular with regard to the restrictions faced by women, the EGP:

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- Condemns the violent actions of the Iranian security forces and points out

- 22 that the use of force which caused the death of protesters cannot be
23 justified;
- 24 • Unequivocally condemns the violation of human rights, including freedom of
25 expression and the right to protest, and the consequent undermining of
26 democracy and the rule of law;
 - 27 • Expresses its undivided support and solidarity for the struggle of the
28 Iranian women and calls for worldwide support for the Iranian protesters;
 - 29 • Adds its voice to all progressive voices around the world in support of
30 Iranian women and highlights their right to self-determination with regard
31 to their bodies, and freedom of choice;
 - 32 • Emphasises the need for a transparent, impartial, and effective
33 investigation into the circumstances that led to the death of Mahsa Amini;
 - 34 • Demands the immediate restoration and full respect of the human rights of
35 all Iranian citizens without discrimination of gender, religion and
36 ethnicity;
 - 37 • Calls on all the Institutions of the European Union and its Member States,
38 as well as the international community in general, to condemn the actions
39 of the Iranian government and exert substantial pressure on it, demanding
40 its compliance with the UN Charter and this organisation's other related
41 resolutions.

Background

Mahsa Amini's murder in Iran was followed by protests against the country's authoritarian state, demanding equality, the right to self-determination and freedom of choice. The security forces in Iran responded with violent actions and force, causing the death of many protesters. We should stand by the Iranian people who are fighting for freedom and equality and call on the Iranian government to stop undermining democracy and the rule of law.