## In The Name of God, The Most Compassionate, The Most Merciful

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In light of the crimes committed by the hypocritical terrorist Monafeqin (*Mujahideen-e Khalq*) *Organization*, hereinafter referred to as MKO, grouplet and the persistence of its terrorist nature on the one hand, and the free movement of the grouplet's operatives in some European countries, I would like to confide with Your Excellency some points to that effect.

Ever since the triumph in 1979 of the Islamic Revolution, the Islamic Republic of Iran has been one of the main victims of terrorism and a main target of internal and external terrorist groups. Thousands of innocent persons have since been either killed or severely injured. Terrorist groups have targeted all walks of life, from men and women to children, the elderly and scientists.

The bulk of acts of terror, which amount to crime against humanity, has been carried out by the terrorist MKO grouplet. Ever since the early days of the Islamic Revolution, this terrorist grouplet was indulged in bombing in crowded city centers, assassinating officials, attacking people at gunpoint and by knife, kidnapping and torturing people, and betraying the country through spying for Saddam's Baathist regime, in a bid to take its revenge upon innocent people. Of a total 17,000 victims of terrorism in Iran, 12,000 have been killed by MKO operatives.

In introducing MKO, it would suffice to note that the top priority and yardstick for their function would be to assassinate and kill anyone refusing to align with them or disavowing them. This issue is visible in the documents and statements issued by MKO. That is while killing innocent people, in such atrocious manners as bombing civilian crowds, amounts to the most flagrant

violation of human rights. Back in 1981, MKO agents assassinated top Iranian officials including the then President, Prime Minister, Chief Justice, ministers, lawmakers, prominent clergies as well as citizens on a large scale. Thereafter, they turned to innocent ordinary people and, only between 1982 and 1988, they killed more than 12,000 ordinary persons, whose names and evidence of which are available. Other crimes having been committed by this grouplet include high treason and spying for enemy states. During the Baathist-ruled Iraqi invasion of Iran, this grouplet shared with the Baathist regime information about the places of gathering of Iranians to be targeted by missiles.

Innocent people in other regional countries, including in Iraq and Syria, have also experienced MKO crimes. After settling in Iraq, MKO agents, in cahoots with the Saddam regime, committed widespread crimes against various ethnic groups including Shias and Kurds in that country. Only in one case, known as the Kurdish Genocide, which was carried out from February to September 1988 in the provinces of Kirkuk, Diyala, Nineveh, and Salahuddin, more than 3,000 villages were razed to the ground and more than 182,000 villagers were killed in league with MKO agents, in such grisly ways as burying alive, beheading, mass shooting and burning. Furthermore, after terrorist groups emerged in Syria and Iraq in 2011, this grouplet joined the ranks of terrorists in Syria and committed mass murder of Syrian people. MKO also trained these terrorist groups and collectively carried out widespread crimes in the region.

Not only do the leaders of this criminal grouplet not spare their opponents and kill them atrociously, but also they launch heavy crackdown on their own forces and impose very strict rules on them. Anyone pronounced guilty of violating these rules is painfully thrown into a dungeon, hanged, sterilized, subjected to horrible tortures, banned from conjugal life for several months or held far from children for a long period of time. In an attempt to subjugate female members, the former head of this grouplet had applied strict rules by sterilizing

them and even in an inhumane and immoral act, forcing some of them to divorce their husbands and remarry him.

However, we continue to witness that this terrorist entity, with such black record, has run an administrative system in some European countries, and despite numerous and documented requests from the Islamic Republic of Iran, MKO agents are freely moving in European countries without let or hindrance, or fear of prosecution; and, some of these countries have turned into safe haven for them.

Given the immunity granted by some Western governments to this grouplet and offering them a red carpet to attend government and parliament meetings and even providing financial and political support to them, we are regrettably seeing that the leaders of this criminal and dangerous entity put up a human rights charade, claiming to be advocates of human rights.

The documents released by State and security agencies affiliated with Western governments, the terrorist nature of the MKO grouplet has been acknowledged and this grouplet has been boycotted by them. For instance, the FBI 2004 report refers to MKO as a terrorist group, saying the National Council of Resistance of Iran, known as NCRI, a pseudonym for MKO, considers terrorism as a tool to counter the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran. A report released in July 2010 by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit revealed that MKO had provided trainings to some of its female members on how to carry out suicide operations. Canada had put MKO on its terror list up to 2012. The European Union also used to blacklist MKO as a terrorist group until 2009. Before delisting MKO, European governments used to release numerous documents and statements admitting to the terrorist nature of this grouplet.

After the EU's suspecting, regrettable and politically-motivated delisting of MKO, some MEPs and even European officials, by releasing statements in

favor of MKO, ignore this grouplet's human rights obvious fabrications and flagrant crimes only to support this terrorist entity.

The falsehoods by this grouplet in defending human rights and opposing the death penalty in Iran could be seen in their past record and, most recently in statement released by the MKO leader on 2 November 2014. In the statement, all MKO sympathizers were invited to assassinate and kill not only opponents and Islamic Republic officials, but also defecting members. To further divulge and confirm the inhumane nature of this grouplet, a report released on 4 February 2022, disclosing collaboration between MKO's former leader and the Shah regime's notorious SAVAK (Intelligence and Security Organization) would be a case in point. Pursuant to this document, the former head of MKO had not only served as a SAVAK agent in identifying and killing anti-Shah demonstrators, but also he was brutal to his own grouplet members.

After reviewing the foregoing facts, any free-spirited and pure mankind would seriously ask how come can some countries claiming to advocate human rights and combat terrorism recognize as human rights defender a group whose hands are soaked in blood in Iran, Syria and Iraq, which locks up and tortures women, removes their wombs and sterilizes them, forces them to divorce and forces girls to get married? How can one explain and justify this paradox?

Extension and spread of the mishaps and threats of terrorism to European countries and subsequent negative consequences underscore the necessity of a genuinely firm will in fighting this sinister more than ever. Double-standard view of human rights and regarding it as a mere instrument and supporting a group with a record of killing thousands of people to the extent of spreading abhorrence among Iranians, is by no means acceptable.

I, therefore, call upon Your Excellency to consider the extensive crimes committed by the terrorist MKO grouplet and take serious action to prevent the

free movement of MKO agents in Europe and other countries as well as their attendance in international organizations under cover, and prosecute MKO criminal leaders and operatives.

In conclusion, I would like to invite Your Excellency to refer to the electronic files attached hereto to learn further about the true nature of this grouplet and see only the tip of the iceberg about crimes thereof.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

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