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The Hon Senator Marise Payne

Minister for Foreign Affairs

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Request for statement against bloody repression in Iran

Dear Minister,

Multiple credible reports from Iran indicate that the recent wave of protests triggered by the huge fuel price increase has spread to over 133 cities, in 31 provinces by last Friday.

People chanted slogans: "Down with Rouhani", "Down with Khamenei," "Down with Dictator," "We will not rest until we gain our rights," "Fear not, we are all together."

Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corp forces opened fire. At least 200 people have been killed, with over 3,000 wounded, and several thousand arrested. The live-fire attacks on civilians amount to massacres in several cities.

The internet and entire mobile and fixed line networks have been closed down, which is the most severe measure yet to suppress communications during political unrest.

We call on you and your government to speak out now to the media and by twitter to strongly condemn the brutal killing and wounding of thousands of Iranian civilians, and to support the right of the Iranian people to protest at the severe economic hardships they face.

We support the call by National Council of Resistance of Iran President-Elect Mrs Rajavi to the international community and to the United Nations Secretary General to convene an urgent session of the UN Security Council to condemn the killings of protesters and to press for these shootings to stop, to restore communications platforms, and to make the regime's leaders face justice for crimes committed against humanity.

The following links provide more detailed information:

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US Secretary of State Pompeo statement on Iran Protests in his twitter:

<https://twitter.com/SecPompeo/status/1195800549322625025/>

<https://twitter.com/StateDept/status/1196521680970993664>

French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs:

https://twitter.com/francediplo_EN/status/1196473130400862209

US House Committee on Foreign Affairs:

<https://twitter.com/HouseForeignGOP/status/1196512165668249606>

AP: Iran supreme leader warns 'thugs' amid gas price protests:

<https://apnews.com/0a1699c5fa1549f9b3ef239a19427d70>

<https://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/middle-east/2019/11/17/US-to-apply-economic-pressure-until-Iran-stops-behavior-White-House-official.html>

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<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-iran/u-s-to-no-longer-waive-sanctions-on-iranian-nuclear-site-watching-irans-protests-pompeo-idUSKBN1XS2D>

Yours sincerely,



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