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Dear Your Excellency,

I am writing to express my deepest **concern, anger and protest** at the recent actions of the Iranian Government.

I am deeply saddened by the death in custody of Mahsa Amini and the violent response by security forces to peaceful protests. I stand with the thousands who have taken to the streets in Iran to demand accountability for the young woman’s death as well as an end to violence and discrimination against women in Iran. As of the day of writing this letter, at least **82 people have been killed** in the nationwide protests.

I am horrified by these reports and condemn all violence against protesters. All women in Iran have the right to **life**, **safety** and **freedom of expression and assembly.**

I am echoing past deep concerns of the UN Secretary-General and The Acting High Commissioner on Human Rights about the ongoing repression of and violent response to women human rights defenders who object to compulsory veiling.

**I stand in solidarity with every single woman** and all those who stand for human rights - especially women in Iran today. I am encouraging you to engage your powers to stop these horrific human rights violations.

Sincerely,