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Subject: Condemnation of Gender Apartheid and Systematic Oppression of Women in Iran

Dear Sacha Deshmuckh

We write with an urgent message of condemnation and a pressing call for action regarding the Iranian government's systemic and ruthless oppression of women. This letter addresses the heart-wrenching tragedy and trauma inflicted upon women who defy enforced gender norms, with the recent deaths of 16-year-old Arezo Khavari, who took her own life after threats of expulsion due to refusing to wear a headscarf, and Ahoor Daryaei, who suffered humiliation at the hands of morality officials over her attire and now imprisoned in a mental institute.

These heartbreaking events underscore a pattern of state-sanctioned violence and psychological abuse that Iranian women face daily. The state's persistent control over women's lives, choices, and bodies through draconian "morality" laws not only violates their human rights but also constitutes a form of gender apartheid aimed at maintaining control through fear and coercion. This brutal cycle has gone unchallenged by the international community for far too long.

While Amnesty International has voiced concerns about human rights violations in Iran, we strongly urge a more aggressive approach to exposing these abuses. Sanctions and condemnations alone have proven ineffective, largely due to a lack of enforcement and a failure to address the root causes of this systemic brutality. We implore Amnesty International to work with global governments and organisations to implement actionable steps that go beyond lip service.

In alignment with your organisation's mission to protect human rights worldwide, we ask Amnesty to:

- Mobilise a more substantial international response by advocating for binding measures that prevent the Islamic Republic of Iran from using oppressive tools against its population.
- Pressure the United Nations Human Rights Council and related bodies to launch independent investigations and to hold Iranian officials accountable for human rights abuses.
- Increase awareness and support for the brave Iranian women and girls who risk their lives for basic freedoms, amplifying their voices through media and global campaigns.

Now more than ever, we need Amnesty International's influence to serve as a catalyst for concrete action, demanding that international leaders address the root causes of Iran's ongoing human rights crisis. The Iranian government cannot be allowed to operate with impunity. Women and girls in Iran deserve your relentless support in their fight for justice, freedom, and equality.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. We remain hopeful that Amnesty International will respond to this call for intensified action and advocacy. Iranian women are resilient, but they should not stand alone.

Yours sincerely,
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