

Stockholm, 27 October 2022

Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran  
Västra Yttringegård  
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**Re: The right to peaceful assembly and protection of women's rights**

Dear Ambassador,

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that all people have the right to life, liberty and security of person, without distinction of any kind. It is this very declaration, that has been the basis of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, which undoubtedly forms the very basis for fundamental human rights.

We, the United Nations Association of Sweden, have committed our work to the protection and promotion of human rights for all. We strongly condemn the violent and disproportionate actions that have been taken by Iranian security forces against peaceful protestors in the Islamic Republic of Iran since the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2022. The freedom of speech, of association and of peaceful assembly are enshrined in the Declaration of Human Rights and must be respected.

We underline the need for prompt, impartial and effective investigation into Ms. Mahsa Amini's death by an independent competent authority. We urge the Islamic Republic of Iran to allow for such an investigation without haste and to ensure that no violence is perpetrated against peaceful protest.

Sincerely,

United Nations Association of Sweden



Annelie Börjesson  
President