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Thank you, Mister President,

I deliver this statement on behalf of over 40 States who strongly condemn the continued and escalating use of the death penalty in Iran.

Recent statements by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Special Rapporteur on Iran and the findings of the Independent, International Fact-Finding Mission on Iran have highlighted a sharp rise in executions and death sentences, particularly in cases linked to protests and the exercise of fundamental freedoms.

At least thirty-one protestors have been executed following January's brutal crackdown by security forces with dozens of protesters sentenced to death and at imminent risk of execution, including women and children. The use of public execution is particularly alarming. We note the findings of UN experts that the death penalty is being used to instill fear, suppress dissent and deter peaceful expression and assembly.

We are also concerned by reports that individuals have been sentenced to death following proceedings that appear to fall far short of international fair trial standards, including allegations of closed hearings, denial of due process guarantees, torture and ill-treatment, enforced disappearances, and coerced confessions.

No one should face the fear of execution for exercising their rights or seeking to make their voice heard. Iran must immediately halt its abhorrent use of the death penalty.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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