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**Human Rights Council**  
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**Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council  
on 24 November 2022**

**S-35/1. Deteriorating situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran,  
especially with respect to women and children**

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Guided* by the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action and other relevant international human rights instruments,

*Recalling* all resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, including Assembly resolution 76/178 of 16 December 2021 and Council resolution 49/24 of 1 April 2022,

*Reaffirming* the primary responsibility of States to respect, protect and fulfil all human rights and fundamental freedoms under international human rights law and to ensure the full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons within their territories and subject to their jurisdictions,

*Reaffirming also* its strong commitment to full respect for the sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran,

*Noting* the concern about the ongoing situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran in the context of the protests following the death in custody of Jina Mahsa Amini, a young woman arrested for allegedly violating the compulsory veiling law, expressed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, special procedure mandate holders of the Human Rights Council, United Nations entities, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children and the Committee on the Rights of the Child,

*Expressing deep concern* about the recent violent crackdown on peaceful protests by security forces in the Islamic Republic of Iran, including alleged arbitrary arrests and detentions, sexual and gender-based violence, excessive use of force, torture and other inhumane treatment and enforced disappearances, as well as the deaths of hundreds of peaceful protesters and thousands of arrests,

*Deeply concerned* in particular about reports of the arbitrary arrest, detention and physical, psychological and sexual abuse of women and girls in the Islamic Republic of Iran for exercising their human rights and fundamental freedoms,

*Reaffirming* its unwavering commitment to the human rights of all women and girls in the Islamic Republic of Iran and their right to full equal, effective and meaningful participation in all spheres of life,



*Alarmed* by reports of the arbitrary arrest of children in relation to the protests, including in raids on schools, and the incarceration of children in “psychological centres”, and emphasizing the obligation of the Islamic Republic of Iran to comply with the Convention on the Rights of the Child,

*Deeply concerned* about reports of the arbitrary arrest and detention of members of civil society and human rights defenders, in order to restrict their right to participate in or organize peaceful protests, and reports of charges that carry the death penalty being applied to protesters for offences that are less than the most serious crimes,

*Deeply concerned also* about reports of restrictions on communications affecting landline and mobile telephone usage, including Internet shutdowns and the blocking of social media platforms, which undermine the exercise of human rights, including the rights to freedom of opinion, expression, peaceful assembly and association,

*Stressing* the need to ensure accountability for human rights violations, which is critical for the prevention of further violations, and recalling the obligation of the Islamic Republic of Iran to ensure prompt, effective, independent, transparent and impartial investigations into all alleged human rights violations,

1. *Strongly deplors* the violent crackdown on peaceful protests resulting in the deaths of hundreds of people, including dozens of children and a disproportionate number of persons belonging to minorities, and the arrests of thousands of people in connection with the nationwide protests following the death in custody of Jina Mahsa Amini on 16 September 2022;

2. *Urges* the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to respect, protect and fulfil human rights and to take all measures necessary to stop and prevent extrajudicial killings, other forms of arbitrary deprivation of life, enforced disappearances, sexual and gender-based violence, arbitrary arrests and detentions, and torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, including against peaceful protesters;

3. *Calls upon* the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to end all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls in public and private life and in law and in practice and to uphold all human rights, including the rights to freedom of opinion, expression, peaceful assembly, association and religion or belief;

4. *Also calls upon* the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to cease the targeted intimidation and harassment of victims and survivors and their families and to ensure their access to truth, justice and redress, including reparations, and also ensure that perpetrators are held fully accountable, in compliance with fair trial guarantees under international human rights law;

5. *Reiterates* the urgent need for the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to fully restore Internet access, and underlines the importance of maintaining free, open, interoperable, reliable and secure nationwide access to the Internet, which contributes to the exercise of the freedoms of opinion, expression and assembly;

6. *Urges* the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, in particular by granting free, full and unhindered access to the territory of the country, including unhindered access to all places of detention, and to extend full cooperation to the thematic special procedures of the Human Rights Council and to the United Nations treaty bodies;

7. *Decides* to establish an independent international fact-finding mission, until the end of the fifty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council, to be appointed by the President of the Council, with the following mandate:

(a) Thoroughly and independently investigate alleged human rights violations in the Islamic Republic of Iran related to the protests that began on 16 September 2022, especially with respect to women and children;

(b) Establish the facts and circumstances surrounding the alleged violations;

(c) Collect, consolidate and analyse evidence of such violations and preserve evidence, including in view of cooperation in any legal proceedings;

(d) Engage with all relevant stakeholders, including the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, relevant United Nations entities, human rights organizations and civil society;

8. *Requests* the independent international fact-finding mission to present an oral update to the Human Rights Council during an interactive dialogue at its fifty-third session and to present to the Council a comprehensive report on its findings during an interactive dialogue at its fifty-fifth session;

9. *Calls upon* the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to cooperate fully with the independent international fact-finding mission, to grant unhindered access to the country without any delay and to provide the members of the fact-finding mission with all information necessary to allow for the proper fulfilment of their mandate;

10. *Requests* the immediate operationalization of the mandate, requests the Secretary-General to provide all the resources and expertise necessary to enable the fact-finding mission to fulfil its mandate, and requests the Office of the High Commissioner to provide such administrative, technical and logistical support as is required to implement the provisions of the present resolution.

*2nd meeting  
24 November 2022*

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 25 to 6, with 16 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Argentina, Benin, Czechia, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Honduras, Japan, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Montenegro, Nepal, Netherlands, Paraguay, Poland, Republic of Korea, Somalia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

*Against:*

Armenia, China, Cuba, Eritrea, Pakistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

*Abstaining:*

Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritania, Namibia, Qatar, Senegal, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan]