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Amis Canadiens d'un Iran Démocratique

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Hon. Michelle Bachelet
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Ms. Bachelet,

Re: Two students of Sharif University of Technology

As you are probably aware, the Iranian “judiciary” announced after 26 days of silence that Amir Hossein Moradi and Ali Younesi, two excellent students of the Sharif University of Technology in Tehran, had been arrested for cooperation with the PMOI/MEK opposition.

Mr. Younesi won the gold medal of the 12th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics in 2018. Earlier, he had won the silver and gold medals of the National Astronomy Olympiad in 2016 and 2017. Mr. Moradi also won the Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics silver medal in 2017.

The PMOI/MEK has also published the names of 18 other detainees in various cities, who are in grave danger.

The lies, cover-ups and trumped up charges against innocent Iranians and dual citizens are well established in Canada. We are still looking for government accountability in the cases of the late Zahra Kazemi and Kavos Seyyed Emami.

Adding to the severity of the hazard at this time is the spread of COVID-19 in Iranian prisons that exposes these and all other detainees to the deadly virus.

On behalf of the Canadian Friends of a Democratic Iran, a non-partisan NGO, I urge you, as done in my letter of March 2020 to Special Rapporteur Javaid Rehman, to press as hard as you can to ensure that political prisoners, who were

already suffering major personal injustice for seeking justice and human dignity for all Iranians, are released.

Thank you.

Keep safe and well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Kilgour". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Hon. David Kilgour, J.D.,
Co-Chair.

CC:

Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

Hon. Francois-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Canada

Hon. Antonio Gutterres, UN Secretary General

Hon. Javid Rehman, Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in
Iran