Since 1979, the Islamic Republic of Iran has used the resources of Iranian people for its destabilizing behaviors in the region, such as funding various militia groups and efforts to build nuclear weapon. Iranian citizens across the country have protested the regime’s domestic and foreign policies while facing harsh legal and illegal punishment.

In the last four decades, the regime has held shady elections full of restrictions and fraud while outlawing opposition groups. The regime has a long history of assassinating dissidents outside its borders. Two leaders of the Kurdistan Democratic Party-Iran were assassinated in Europe. In 2018, Iran used surface-to-surface missiles, targeting a leadership meeting of the KDP-Iran in which several KDP-I cadres and leadership members got killed.

The Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) has supported several radical groups in Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen, and Iraq. The militaristic foreign policy of the Iranian regime has brought tremendous instability and destruction to the region.

inside Iran, the regime has violated basic human rights of Iranian including freedoms of press and speech, the right of public assembly, freedom from torture, and equality before law. The Kurds in Iran have experienced the most government discrimination and brutality. Ethnic minorities in Iran especially the Kurds have lower socioeconomic living conditions in Iran while most political prisons come from the regions of ethnic minorities. In Kurdistan, as a result of extreme poverty and unemployment, many youths carry items by their backs through Iran-Iraq borders while they have been killed and wounded frequently by the Iranian border security forces.

Thorugh a systematic government discrimination, the regime has enriched a small minority of its followers while the rest of the country is suffering from extreme poverty and lack of job
opportunities. The poor Iranians across the country are the backbone of protests and pay the most sacrifice too. In the last fall protest, many were killed and tortured by the Iranian regime. International community should hold its responsibility towards protection of human rights in Iran by increasing pressure on the Iranian regime. Moreover, the establishment of nuclear capability by the Iranian regime can have catastrophic ramifications for stability in the region, so the world should stand with Iranians against the Islamic Republic regime.

We believe that youths in Iran deserve freedom and prosperity and this cannot be achieved without the establishment of a democratic regime that respects human rights and international norms. We hope that international community support civil NGOs that voice human rights violations of youth, children, and women in Iran.