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Subject: Urgent Concern Regarding Incitement to Violence and Promotion of Public Executions at Munich Conference

To: Amnesty International Sweden

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Dear Amnesty Sweden

We are writing to express our deep concern regarding a recent public event that promotes incitement to violence and the normalization of public executions held in Europe, under the pretense of advocating for democracy and human rights in Iran.

The conference, titled "National Cooperation for Saving Iran," took place in Munich, Germany, with the support and presence of prominent Iranian opposition figures. It was organized by the human rights organization known as the Munich Circle, headed by Ali Khosroshahian.

(https://themunichcircle.de/en/willkommen-english/).

One of the invited speakers, who lost one eye during the *Woman, Life, Freedom* uprising in Iran, delivered a speech that included a clear and deliberate call for a public execution. His exact words included:

"Prepare a beautiful crane and a noose as thick as an electricity pole. We will place it around Khamenei's neck and let grieving fathers and mothers hang him... I support violence—but only if it is intelligent and controlled..." (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGWq0pr0ir8&ab_channel=Unika)

While the emotional weight of his personal story was evident, what alarmed us was the audience's response: clapping, smiling, and complete silence from the organizers and moderators. Instead of receiving any objection or clarification, this rhetoric was encouraged and normalized.

We believe this moment reflects a broader problem—the exploitation of personal suffering to stir up public hatred and justify state-like violence. The

responsibility lies not with the injured individual, but with those who gave such speech a platform and responded with approval.

Additionally, outside the venue, groups were heard chanting:

"Death to the three traitors: the Mullahs, the Leftists, and the Mujahedin."

This slogan is now being widely used in diaspora circles, reportedly promoted within opposition-aligned media. Such rhetoric spreads hate, incites violence, and directly targets political groups and ideologies with a call for death.

As an association committed to the **abolition of the death penalty**, we are horrified by this event and its implications:

- The public promotion of execution and violence, especially targeting political figures.
- The **normalization of death rhetoric** under the label of patriotism or justice.
- The **absence of condemnation** by event organizers and public figures present.
- The **spreading of this ideology across diaspora networks** on social media in Europe and the US

We believe this constitutes a serious threat to democratic principles, public safety, and the human rights framework that the European Union is committed to upholding.

We respectfully urge Amnesty International Sweden to:

- 1. **Document and investigate** this case as an example of incitement to violence and potential hate speech.
- 2. **Raise awareness** within Amnesty's international structures regarding the rise of execution-related rhetoric in the diaspora.
- 3. Engage with appropriate the EU or German authorities about the legal implications of allowing public events that promote executions and violent retribution.

We also believe that the organizing body—Munich Circle—should be examined by German authorities to determine whether their recent event has violated their own declared principles of democracy. We believe this moment reflects a broader and deeply troubling pattern—the exploitation of personal trauma to stir up public hatred and justify state-like violence. Responsibility does not rest with the injured individual, but with those who provided the platform and responded with approval. Democracy and human dignity, as well as Germany's laws against

hate speech and incitement to violence. We urge Amnesty to consider referring this matter, or supporting a public request for review, by the relevant legal and civic oversight bodies in Germany.

We have in our possession the full video of the speech in question and are willing to provide it, along with documentation of the chants and social media activity, upon request.

Thank you for your continued work and commitment to justice and human dignity. We are available for any further information or clarification you may need.

Sincerely,

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