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Note verbale datée du 9 août 2005, adressée au Bureau de la cinquante-septième session de la Sous-Commission de la promotion et de la protection des droits de l'homme par la Mission permanente de la République islamique d'Iran auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève

La Mission permanente de la République islamique d'Iran auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève et des autres organisations internationales basées à Genève présente ses compliments au Bureau de la cinquante-septième session de la Sous-Commission de la promotion et de la protection des droits de l'homme et a l'honneur de lui faire tenir ci-joint une copie de la note verbale n° 330-15/1689 adressée au Directeur général de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève. La Mission serait reconnaissante au Bureau de bien vouloir faire distribuer le texte de cette note* comme document officiel de la cinquante-septième session de la Sous-Commission de la promotion et de la protection des droits de l'homme et d'en communiquer la teneur dans les meilleurs délais aux membres de celle-ci.

* Cette note est reproduite, telle quelle, en anglais seulement.

Annex

N° 330-15/1689

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Director General of the United Nations Office at Geneva and with reference to the letter dated 13th June 2005 received from Mr. Nicolas Michel, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs of the United Nations, addressed to the Chairman of the 61st Session of the Commission on Human Rights regarding the accreditation and participation of members of MKO terrorist group in the meetings of the Commission on Human Rights as representatives of non-governmental organizations, has the honour to draw the attention of the latter to the following:

1. Three members of the terrorist organization of MKO, which bears aliases such as NCR and NCRI, Mr. Hamidreza Eshaghi, Mr. Behzad Naziri and Mr. Per Solgi Khazai, all subject to Interpol “Red Notices” participated in meetings of the Sub-Commission on the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights (25th July-12th August 2005) in Geneva, under cover of two non-governmental organizations, namely the Worldwide Organization for Women and France Liberté-Fondation François Mitterand. Taking into account that these three individuals, along with others have been banned from entering the United Nations premises upon security grounds, it is a matter of great concern for this Mission that they have had access to meetings of the United Nations.
2. The usual conduct of the United Nations has been the banning of those subject to Interpol “Red Notices” from participating in the meetings. The same practice was carried out in 60th and 61st Sessions of the Commission on Human Rights. Lifting this ban, while their international legal warrants are still valid, appears to be groundless and adversely contributing to the fight against global terrorism.
3. In the letter of the Legal Department of the United Nations, Interpol “Red Notices” are considered as a “key element in assessing security risks” for granting access to UN premises. This key element has surprisingly been disregarded in the granting of entry badges to the above-named persons.
4. The United Nations stands at the core of the global fight against terrorism which constitutes one of the greatest challenges to International peace and security. Granting access to members of a notorious criminal group registered and recognized by many countries around the world as terrorist, not only undermines the role and centrality of the world body in this campaign, but will undoubtedly contribute to the cause of those who try to instrumentalize the United Nations for their unjust and inhumane purposes.
5. Notwithstanding the fact the decision taken by Chairpersons of two consecutive sessions of the Commission on Human Rights in 2004 and 2005 could not be “procedural in nature” as considered in the letter of the Legal Department, the advisory opinion of the latter does not alter the fact that MKO and its affiliates in

general and those bearing INTERPOL red warrants in particular have been engaged in terrorist activities.

Since the Director General of the United Nations Office at Geneva has been assigned as “Designated Official, responsible for security”, and taking into account the undisputed evidence of the criminal background of this organization, this Mission kindly requests the Office to take the appropriate measures to reverse the recent decision to allow those subject to Interpol “red Warrants” from participating in meetings to be held in UNOG at the Office’s earliest convenience.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director General of the United Nations Office at Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 9th August 2005

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