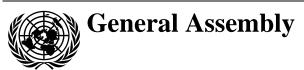
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Letter dated 11 November 2022 from the Permanent Representatives of Germany and Iceland to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council

We wish to request the convening of a special session of the Human Rights Council to address the deteriorating situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, especially with respect to women and children. So as not to interfere with the ongoing session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, we ask that the special session be held in the week of 21 November 2022, if possible on 24 November. The present request is supported by the Member and observer States listed in the annex.

We make the present request to hold a special session in accordance with the rules and practices of the Human Rights Council.

We ask that you share the present request with the secretariat of the Human Rights Council and convene the Bureau at your earliest convenience in order that the necessary arrangements and notifications may be made. The present letter is submitted as a joint request by Germany and Iceland.

(Signed) Katharina Stasch

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of

Germany

(signed) Einar Gunnarsson

Ambassador Extraordinary and

Plenipotentiary

Permanent Representative of

Iceland



Annex

States members and observer States of the Human Rights Council requesting the convening of a special session

Member States

Argentina, Czechia, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Montenegro, Netherlands, Paraguay, Republic of Korea, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Observer States

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden

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