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Mr Ban Ki-moon  
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**Recent execution of Iranian political prisoner Gholamreza Khosravi Savadjani**

Dear Excellency,

Pax Christi Australia has made contact with your office on numerous occasions about the continuing inhuman and degrading treatment of the people of Ashraf City and Camp Liberty. This organisation has repeatedly called for their protection from assault by the Iraqi security forces that seem to do the bidding of the Iranian regime.

Now, despite a strong international plea to save the life of Gholamreza Khosravi Savadjani, an Iranian political prisoner, he was executed in recent days. This criminal act by the dictatorship has left Mr Savadjani's family, friends and colleagues devastated. Gholamreza Savadjani was an activist of the People's Mojahedin Organisation of Iran and will be remembered for his heroic acts on behalf of the Iranian people in their struggle for freedom and democracy.

Pax Christi Australia strongly condemns this latest assault on human rights in Iran. This movement calls on you to condemn this action by the Iranian regime. We also call on the United Nations Security Council and other UN Agencies, as well as the United States, the Australian and European Union governments to condemn this brutal action against Mr Savadjani and other people like him who could also meet the same fate.

Pax Christi Australia has repeatedly called on you and we do so again to acknowledge that the human rights of the people of Iran cannot be used as political pawns in negotiations with the regime vis-à-vis its nuclear weapons program. This movement is very concerned about the intolerable human rights record of the Iranian regime and we urge to implement sanctions on those in leadership to bring about change for the people of Iran.

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The execution of Mr Savadjani is one of many actions of persecution and killing of PMOI members based in Iraq's Ashraf, Camp Liberty and other prisons. Any regime that is threatened by nonviolent resistance is a regime that is losing its hold on power and legitimacy.

Pax Christi Australia again urges you raise your highly regarded and respected voice for the basic principles of the UN Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the great human rights covenants of the United Nations.

Yours sincerely,

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EU High Commissioner Baroness Catherine Ashton  
Secretary of State John Kerry  
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