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**RESOLUTION ON IRAN**

The growing number of political activists being executed in the Islamic Republic of Iran is a serious cause of alarm for the Socialist International, as well as the fact that tens of Kurdish political prisoners have been sentenced to death without proper legal representation.

The Socialist International urges the Iranian government to respect the rights of political activists, as well as journalists, women, student, and labour activists.

The International also expresses its grave concern over Iran's continued application of Article 188/1992 of the country's criminal code, which considers the members, supporters and followers of any Kurdish, Arab and Balouch political parties as "Mufsed fee Al Arz" (*corrupted on earth*), "Mohareb" (*enemy of God*), who must be punished by hanging and execution.

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