

Your Excellency the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

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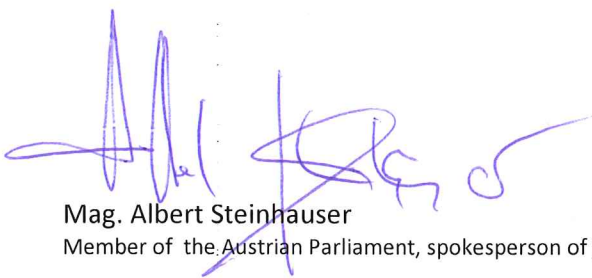
We, the undersigned members of the parliament of the Federal Republic of Austria, are deeply concerned about the enduring house arrest of Mr. Mirhossein Mousavi and his spouse Ms. Rahnavaard as well as Mr. Karroubi .

You are certainly aware that February 14 marks the one-year anniversary of the house arrest of the presidential rivals of Iranian president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Authorities placed Mr. Mousavi, Mr. Karroubi, and Ms. Rahnavaard under house arrest in February 2011, after they called for a rally in solidarity with popular uprising in Tunisia and Egypt. Authorities ignored their request for a rally permit. Nevertheless, thousands of people took peacefully to the streets on 14 February 2011, only to face violent repression by authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Since that time, Mr. Mousavi, Mr. Karroubi, and Ms. Rahnavaard have been largely held at their homes with little to no access to communication and only infrequent contact with their families. Iranian authorities have repeatedly said that Mousavi, Karroubi, and Rahnavaard are not subject to formal judicial proceedings and no charges have ever been formally announced.

We, the members of the Austrian Parliament, urge the authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran to release immediately and unconditionally Mrs Rahnavaard , Mr. Mousavi and Mr. Karroubi along with all other prisoners of conscience, in particular those, who have been imprisoned in the aftermath of the presidential elections 2009.



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