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In support of the Iranian people

Your excellency Mr. Ambassador Alireza Yousefi,

It is with great sadness and serious concern that we follow the developments in Iran these last months.

We are alarmed by the violent response to protests and the deteriorating developments, with oppression, killings and the use of the death penalty to defeat popular uprising. We are appalled by the beating, arrest and death sentence of Dr Hamid Ghareh Hasanlou and his wife.

As members of the global medical community, we cannot accept that increasing numbers of health professionals are threatened, arrested and tortured in Iran, for doing their work. It is a physician's duty to treat the wounded and the ill with no other consideration than the best interest of the patient. Also prisoners must receive necessary medical care from a health professional, without influence from the authorities.

In the words of the president of the World Medical Association, Dr Osahan Enabulele:

"Standing in solidarity with our Iranian colleagues, we reiterate our demand for safe working conditions for physicians and other health personnel in the pursuit of their mission, as well as full access to health care to all those in need. We call for an immediate and unconditional end of violence and to the establishment of a moratorium on all executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty"

Yours sincerely

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