

RESOLUTION

(Submitted by MP Mrs Alexandra Attalides on behalf of Cyprus Greens)

RESOLUTION OF SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT FOR THE WOMEN OF IRAN

The House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus,

Following with particular concern the developments in Iran and the attempt to suppress by violent means the protests that broke out, triggered by the death of Mahsha Amini, on September 16, 2022, three days after her arrest in Tehran for violating the mandatory use of the hijab.

Expressing deep concern at the continued and escalating use of force by Iranian security forces, the bloody crackdown of the demonstrations and the increasing number of civilian casualties.

Expressing deep sorrow for the dozens of dead and the large number of injured people, including many children, as a result of the use of violence by the Iranian security forces.

Denouncing, at the same time, the attempt to restrict freedom of expression by restricting access to the internet and social media platforms.

Taking into account the appeal of the Secretary-General of the United Nations towards Iran to exercise utmost restraint and on its security forces to refrain from using unnecessary or disproportionate force, in order to avoid further escalation.

Recognizing that every person has the right to live freely and to be respected regardless of gender, language, religion, ethnicity and sexual orientation.

Having regard to the remarks of the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran of July 18, 2022, and in particular with regard to the restrictions faced by women.

Votes as follows:

1. Condemns the violent actions of the Iranian security forces and points out that the use of force which caused the death of protesters cannot be justified.

2. Unequivocally condemns the violation of human rights, including freedom of expression and the right to protest, and the consequent undermining of democracy and the rule of law.

3. Expresses its undivided support and solidarity for the struggle of Iranian women and calls for worldwide support for the Iranian protesters.

4. Joins its voice with all progressive voices around the world in support of Iranian women and highlights their right to self-determination with regard to their bodies, and freedom of choice.

5. Emphasizes the need for a transparent, impartial and effective investigation into the circumstances that led to the death of Mahsa Amini.

6. Demands the immediate restoration and full respect of the human rights of all Iranian citizens without discrimination of gender, religion and ethnicity.

7. Calls on all the institutions of the European Union and its member states, as well as the international community in general, to condemn the actions of the Iranian government and exert substantial pressure on it, demanding its compliance with the UN Charter and other related resolutions of the international organization.