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#### DELEGATION FOR RELATIONS WITH IRAN

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*- The Chair -*

## **Statement of 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2022 on latest developments on relations with Iran**

Reacting to the latest developments in relations with Iran, in particular the call of the Iranian Parliament to sentence protesters to death, Cornelia Ernst, Chairwoman of the European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with Iran, stated:

“As Chair of the Delegation for Relations with Iran, I strongly condemn the call of the Iranian Parliament for the death penalty for the imprisoned protesters. This would affect approximately 14.000 people imprisoned. This is unacceptable. I would also like to strongly disapprove the supply of drones by Iran to Russia in relation to Russia’s war in Ukraine. Furthermore the Iranian foreign ministry has recently sanctioned some of my colleagues, Members of the European Parliament - this is unacceptable, violates our rights as Members of Parliament in fulfilling our mandate.”

“This is why as Chair of the Iran Delegation I will work tirelessly to support civil society, and the protesters. The European Parliament and our delegation in particular have a crucial role to play in this and as Chair I intend to uphold my full support and solidarity with the protesters in Iran. Their voices shall be heard now and in the future. We will do everything to establish safe communication channels with the civil society in Iran - this I now needed than ever.”

Cornelia Ernst  
Brussels, 9 November 2022