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Subject: Classification of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organization

Mr. Vice President,

The Islamic Republic of Iran's active support for international terrorism and the recent attack on Israel demand a response from the European Union (EU). The European Centre for Law and Justice (ECLJ) is pleased that all European governments "strongly condemned" the Iranian attack on Israel. We also share your view about the need to avoid "escalation." These words must now be turned into action.

It is time for the EU to list the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist organization. The European Parliament made this request by an overwhelming majority in January 2023. The IRGC is not only responsible for the murderous repression of the Iranian people, but also directly carries out actions around the world and supports terrorist organizations abroad. These acts fall within the definition of "terrorist act" in accordance with Article 1(3) of the Council Common Position 2001/931/CFSP of December 2001 relating to the addition of any new organization to the EU list of terrorist organizations.

Moreover, the classification of the IRGC as a terrorist organization by the United States on April 15 2019 satisfies the condition laid down in Article 1(4) of the Common Position. In fact, this terrorist classification constitutes a national decision taken by a competent authority of a State, and member of the Security Council of the United Nations.

Finally, we support your plan to impose new sanctions on Iran, and to extend the current sanctions regime, in particular to Hezbollah and the Houthi rebels in Yemen.

Sincerely yours,



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