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To: The Swedish immigration Agency

Subject: Request for Consideration of Keivan Kianian's Asylum Case under the Dublin Regulation

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Kiarash Houshmand, currently serving as the Secretary of Legal Affairs at the Council for the Formation of the Iranian Government in Exile.

I am writing to bring your attention to an important matter concerning the asylum case of Mr. Keivan Kianian. As you review his case, I would like to highlight the provisions of the Dublin Regulation. According to this regulation, when considering Keivan's case, it is crucial to recognize that, as a family unit, defined in article 2(g) of the regulations, "means, insofar as the family already existed in the country of origin, the following members of the applicant's family who are present on the territory of the Member States," which in this case includes his wife and son. Since Sweden is responsible country to review Keivan's application for asylum, his family should not be sent to the Netherlands separately, as it is mentioned in article 10 of the regulations that "If the applicant has a family member in a Member State whose application for international protection in that Member State has not yet been the subject of a first decision regarding the substance, that Member State shall be responsible for examining the application for international protection, provided that the persons concerned expressed their desire in writing". The Dublin Regulation prohibits the separation of families during the asylum process, and it is imperative to uphold the principles of family unity and protection. Article 8 of the EU Human Rights Convention also approves the above-mentioned reasons why Sweden should review their case.

I urge you to carefully consider the implications of this regulation in the Kianians family's case and ensure that the family remains together during the asylum process. Separating the family could have adverse effects on their well-being and may not align with the humanitarian values that underlie the Dublin Regulation. It is also worth to mention that since Karen is considered a child,



according to article 3 of the child Convention which is ratified by Sweden, the best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration.

Additionally, it is important to recognize that Keivan's connection with his family is an integral part of his support system. Taking this into consideration is not only crucial for his well-being but also contributes to a more successful integration process.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that, in accordance with the Dublin Regulation, you will make decisions that prioritize the unity and well-being of Keivan Kianian's family.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


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