

# Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Kaja Kallas  
EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and  
Security Policy  
c/o Delegation of the European Union  
2175 K Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20037

Dear High Representative Kallas:

We write to you today to once again urge the European Union to join the United States, Canada, and Australia in designating the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist organization. As recently as April 3, 2025, the European Parliament overwhelmingly voted for a resolution reiterating its call to designate the IRGC as a terrorist organization. However, to date, the EU has still not moved on this important matter, despite growing consensus amongst EU member states.

As you know, the Islamic Republic of Iran remains a leading state sponsor of terror. The IRGC has not only committed terrorist acts throughout the Middle East but has also carried out attacks throughout the EU and against EU citizens – all while continuing to brutalize its own citizens at home in Iran, with a brutal crackdown this month leading to the murder of an estimated 12,000 Iranian protesters. The IRGC's targeting of EU citizens includes attacks in France, Germany, Belgium, Sweden, and Cyprus. These attacks span from cyberattacks and surveillance operations to targeted assassinations and synagogue bombings. Additional attacks have occurred in countries bordering the EU, such as Switzerland, the UK, Albania, and Türkiye.

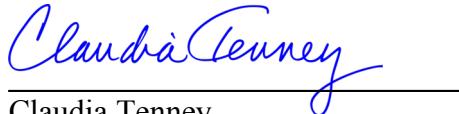
The EU should designate the IRGC as a terrorist organization pursuant to EU Common Position 931, in light of its recent actions and the group's long history of supporting and spreading terror. There is sufficient judicial justification for this designation. In Germany, courts found the IRGC to be behind the attack of a German synagogue. The IRGC has also attempted to stage assassinations and bombings in France and Denmark, and has been linked to several other attacks. The Swedish parliament in 2023 voted to designate the IRGC following the group's execution of a Swedish-Iranian dual national. Luxembourg, France, Italy and Spain, which had previously opposed EU-wide designation, recently announced their support for the action in response to the regime's mass killing of protesters. Additionally, as you know, the U.S. Department of Justice has unsealed several indictments against IRGC operatives in the shocking murder-for-hire schemes targeting a former national security adviser and U.S. Secretary of State, among others.

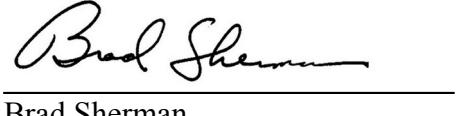
We believe there is an abundance of evidence available to the EU to provide the necessary basis for a terror designation of the IRGC, particularly given the European Court of Justice's ruling that investigations and prosecutions outside of the EU may be used as evidence to support additions to the terror list. Just months ago, Australia listed the IRGC as a state sponsor of terrorism based on overwhelming evidence that the group organized attacks on Australia's Jewish community in 2024.

We respectfully urge you to prioritize the designation of the IRGC during tomorrow's meeting of the Foreign Affairs Council given its important and timely nature. As the people of Iran rise up to protest their brutal oppression by the mullahs and face violence in response, designation of the IRGC as a terror group is more than appropriate. It sends a clear message that Europe stands with the United States in opposing terror, human rights abuses, and the slaughter of innocent Iranians.

The House of Representatives is united in calling on the EU to designate the IRGC as a terrorist organization. Last year, the House of Representatives by a vote of 411-14 passed H.Res. 288, a resolution urging the EU to expeditiously designate the IRGC as a terrorist organization under Common Position 931. We strongly urge you and your colleagues to stand on the right side of history and designate the IRGC as a terrorist organization to end their impunity in committing atrocities against the people of Europe, the United States, Iran, and around the world.

Sincerely,

  
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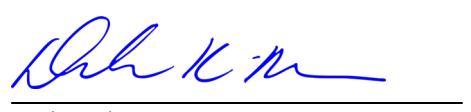
  
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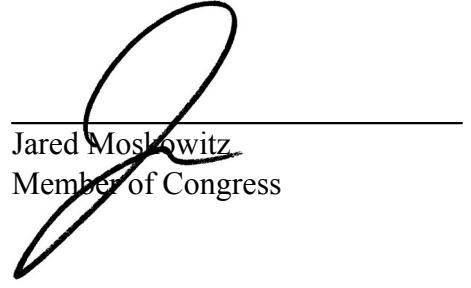
  
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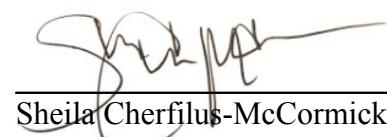
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