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Dear Dr. Rory Truell

Secretary General of IFSW

From February 2020, Iran is facing with outbreak of COVID-19 with currently 20,000+ confirmed cases and 1500+ deaths. Despite this fact that Iran has one of the highest numbers of affected people in the world, Iranians are unable to access enough vital medical supplies. The main reason of this problem is sanctions and restrictions that unjustly imposed on them by the government of the United States.

Social workers in Iran, like their colleagues all over the world, are proactively making efforts in order to reduce negative psychosocial consequences of the outbreak. Iran Association of Social Workers as a full member of IFSW is asking for the followings:

- 1. IFSW claims lifting the cruel sanctions of the United States government via the United Nations in order to ensure access of Iranian people to vital medical supplies especially in the condition of coronavirus pandemic.
- 2. IFSW declares its support to Iran, Iran Association of Social Workers and social workers of Iran for their efforts toward coping with the outbreak of COVID-19.
- IFSW members help Iranian social workers with any means in order to serve vulnerable people.

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