

Clarification Note
By the Islamic Republic of Iran

**Regarding the Reports Submitted by the so-called Independent
International Fact-Finding Mission on Iran
To the 58th Session of the Human Rights Council**

*An Engineered Arrangement of Claims for Pre-Ordered Conclusions
and Recommendations*

Introduction

This document concerns two reports (A/HRC/58/CRP.1 and A/HRC/58/63) submitted by the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Iran to the 58th session of the Human Rights Council. These two reports have been fully reviewed. By reading this document, you will realize that the only thing that does not matter to the mission and the countries that initiated the resolution establishing it is a fair and just perspective on human rights.

Unfortunately, these two reports from the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Iran show that, due to the actions, intentions, and pressures of a small number of Western countries— countries with a long history of violating the human rights of other nations due to their colonial and occupation policies and their selective and double standards—"human rights" are at serious risk of political manipulation and non-human-rights objectives.

The important points to know

The Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Iran, which claims to have gathered and documented sufficient evidence over two years to accuse and attribute certain criminal charges to the Islamic Republic of Iran, has failed for the following reasons to maintain its independence, impartiality, and professionalism during this period. Instead, it has significantly undermined the credibility of the Human Rights Council. If you are a representative of a Human Rights Council member state, you should pay particular attention to these concerns with sensitivity and precision:

- 1) In all the reports submitted by FFM, especially the two presented at the 58th session of the Human Rights Council, we witness an "engineering" of accusations and claims against the Islamic Republic of Iran. The goal is to ultimately present a predetermined and dictated conclusion against Iran. The authors of these reports seem to be assembling a machine according to a pre-existing blueprint. They have placed all relevant and irrelevant incidents together without analyzing their true nature, historical context, or contradictory information provided to them. The purpose is to reach a pre-designed conclusion that attributes certain alleged charges to Iran.
- 2) In all their reports, the mission has completely ignored the victims of terrorist attacks and violence during the 2022 unrest. Instead, they have fully acted as advocates for violent rioters and agitators. They have never even asked—or allowed readers to ask—the fundamental question: Who were the victims of terrorist attacks in some western Iranian cities, in Izeh, in northern Iranian cities, in Isfahan, and elsewhere? Were they also deserving of human rights? Did the "right to life" apply to them as well?

Has the entire concern of the FFM been solely about the individuals or groups who opened fire on ordinary people and crowds, shedding their blood? Have they only been worried about whether these killers had access to legal representation (which they all did) but never for a moment sought to inquire about the victims of these actions, their families, and their survivors?

Has the FFM even once called for **truth, justice, accountability** for the victims of violent acts, hate-mongering, and terrorism, as well as ensuring the **non-recurrence** of such violent and terrorist actions? Has the committee ever pursued these three key principles concerning the **79 law enforcement officers** whose right to life was violated and who lost their lives due to the violent and armed actions of rioters and terrorist groups?

- 3) How Can the Fact-Finding Mission Claim Impartiality, Independence, and Professionalism while ignoring the interventions of foreign official into the riots? How can the Fact-Finding Mission claim to be impartial, independent, and professional when it has never attempted to examine or even mention the involvement of foreign forces, officials, and groups in inciting unrest and violent actions over six months? Has the Mission ever asked itself how peaceful protests over the unfortunate and accidental death of a woman in Iran escalated into one of the most violent domestic upheavals in recent decades?

Has it sought to analyze the statements of European officials that fueled public sentiment in Iran? Has it ever questioned the host countries of Persian-language media outlets that promoted violence and disorder—media that openly taught methods for making incendiary devices? Has it asked these host countries what measures they have taken against such hate- and violence-promoting platforms?

- 4) In an absurd yet highly dangerous claim, the Fact-Finding Mission has classified Iran's educational and promotional policies regarding hijab—an integral part of Iran's cultural, religious, and historical identity—as a human rights violation! Would the Mission have criticized Iran if in Media and public spaces it had been promoted LGBTQ+ education? Or would they have labeled it as an attack on women's and girls' freedoms if Iran's educational programs aligned with Western lifestyles?

- 5) Throughout its reports, the Fact-Finding Mission repeatedly takes a single alleged event and uses it as a basis for judging Iran's entire executive, legislative, and judicial system. It exaggerates isolated incidents to label Iran's political structure as systematically flawed.

The phrase "in one case" frequently appears in these reports, yet the Mission manipulates such singular unconfirmed cases to project a broad, generalized accusation against the entire Iranian system. How is such a method scientific, impartial, or professional?

- 6) The Mission claims to have conducted "interviews" with victims and frequently references these sources in its report footnotes. However, a closer look at these footnotes reveals that a single interview with one so-called victim has been used to extract multiple issues—which are then repeated under different sections throughout the reports. This manipulation creates an illusion of high numbers of interviewees and victims, while in reality, many claims may originate from just one or a few individuals. The Mission deliberately inflates its data to mislead readers into thinking the number of victims and testimonies is significantly higher than it actually is. Furthermore, there is genuine doubt about the identity of the so-called victims who are claimed to have been interviewed.
- 7) The Fact-Finding Mission completely disregards Iran's social structure, cultural diversity, and political dynamics. It presents Iran's society as a monolith that must conform entirely to the agenda of the Mission. In doing so, it deliberately dismisses Iran's deep-rooted historical, cultural, and social identity in favor of the pre-determined political goals of the FFM. Yet, the Mission expects the entire Iranian society to abandon its values, traditions, and beliefs to accommodate its said wishes.
- 8) A review of the sources cited in the Fact-Finding Mission's reports reveals that some of them come from so-called "non- governmental organizations" that have been funded by the U.S. government. The recent suspension of these funds by the new

U.S. administration has sparked concern and complaints from these organizations. Can entities that rely on financial support from a government hostile to Iran be considered credible and trustworthy sources for the Mission's reports?

- 9) The Fact-Finding Mission automatically labels all individuals it examines as "victims," without acknowledging that many of them engaged in criminal acts under both Iranian law and international norms—such as violence, hate speech, and terrorism. The Mission portrays these individuals as innocent people who had an unlimited right to act however they pleased without accountability.
- 10) The reports selectively highlight final sentences and executions but fail to acknowledge the crimes committed by the accused or the legal processes they underwent in Iranian courts. When the Mission does mention judicial proceedings, it immediately undermines them with prejudiced language, such as claims of "unfair trials" or unverified allegations to make Iran's legal system seem invalid.
- 11) In its reports—especially those submitted to the 58th session—the Fact-Finding Mission briefly mentions data from Iranian sources such as the "The Special Committee to Address 1401 Unrests (2022 riots)", designated by the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iran's High Council for Human Rights. However, fearing that these official valid and verified reports might persuade readers, the Mission systematically discredits them with negative qualifiers. This ensures that no Iranian perspective influences the predetermined conclusion of condemning Iran based on fabricated and engineered accusations.
- 12) The Mission frequently cites "open sources" as evidence. Can such unverified and potentially biased sources be credible enough to accuse a sovereign state of committing serious international crimes?
- 13) The Fact-Finding Mission has recently shifted its focus to discrediting the new administration in Iran. It repeatedly suggests that his promises and initiatives should be ignored, implying that

Iran remains guilty regardless of ongoing reforms, to suggest that no reforms are occurring and that only the Mission's accusations matter. Additionally, the Mission references past incidents that predate Pezeshkian's administration, attempting to link them to the new government even though he officially took office in mid-September 2024.

- 14) The Mission falsely links alleged increases in executions in 2024 to the 2022 unrest without any valid evidence.
Iran has already provided detailed, transparent reports on executions related to the 2022 riots to international human rights bodies. Other executions in 2024 were mainly related to retribution cases (Qisas) and drug offenses from 2023 and 2024. The claim that Iran's entire execution rate is connected to the 2022 protests is baseless speculation.
- 15) The Fact-Finding Mission focuses entirely on protecting the rights of the accused, even when they have committed violent acts, hate speech, or terrorism—crimes that require legal accountability in any justice system worldwide. It completely disregards the rights of victims, Iranian society, and law-abiding citizens.
- 16) The Fact-Finding Mission's pre-engineered accusations, cherry-picked sources, and one-sided reporting show a clear lack of professionalism, impartiality, and integrity. Its goal is not to seek justice or truth—but to politically and legally pressure Iran under the guise of human rights.
- 17) The Fact-Finding Mission does acknowledge Iran's legal actions against some of law enforcement officers who violated the law during the 2022 unrest and huge amount of paid compensations to those suffered damages during riots, as well as pardons, sentence reductions, and judicial reviews granted to protesters. However, these significant actions—showing Iran's commitment to justice, accountability, and reparations—have no effect on the Mission's predetermined conclusions. Despite Iran's efforts to demonstrate responsibility, the Mission refuses to adjust its stance and continues to accuse Iran as if no corrective actions have been taken. It seems that the Mission is not allowed to

acknowledge any positive steps by Iran—or to present them in a way that challenges its pre-set accusations. Moreover, the Mission only reports a tiny fraction of Iran's actions for justice and accountability. Even this limited acknowledgment is presented in a way that does not disrupt the Mission's narrative of criminalizing Iran.

- 18) To prevent audiences from considering Iran's counter-reports, the Fact-Finding Mission systematically labels Iran's data as "flawed" or "false" without verifying it. This tactic ensures that readers only trust the Mission's allegations and disregard any Iranian perspective—even if factually supported.
- 19) When the Mission lacks sufficient data from the 2022 unrest onward to support its accusations against Iran, it extends its timeframe to past years—even up to a decade ago. This deliberate stretching of the timeframe allows the Mission to cherry-pick old statistics that appear to support its allegations. Such a method is highly unprofessional and misleading, as it violates basic principles of legal and factual analysis by: Mixing unrelated historical data with recent events, misrepresenting the context of older cases, creating artificial patterns of systematic wrongdoing.

The above said points proves that the Mission was not designed to seek the truth—but to serve a geopolitical agenda against Iran. The Fact-Finding Mission was never intended to conduct a fair and objective inquiry. Instead, it operates as a politically driven mechanism that: Ignores Iran's real efforts toward justice, distorts information to fit pre-set accusations, uses outdated data when new evidence is lacking.