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Iran Human Rights Documentation Center Mission and Objectives

The Iran Human Rights Documentation Center (IHRDC) was established in 2004 by a group of human rights scholars, activists, and historians to document the patters of human rights abuse in Iran and to promote accountability, a culture of human rights, and the rule of law in Iran.

The Iran Human Rights Documentation Center seeks to:

- Establish a comprehensive and objective historical record of the human rights situation in Iran since the 1979 revolution, and on the basis of this record, establish responsibility for patterns of human rights abuses;
- Make such record available in an archive that is accessible to the public for research and educational purposes;
- Promote accountability, respect for human rights and the rule of law in Iran; and
- Encourage an informed dialogue on the human rights situation in Iran among scholars and the general public in Iran and abroad.

The IHRDC believes that the development of an accountability movement and a culture of human rights in Iran are crucial to the long-term peace and security of the country and the Middle East region. As numerous examples have illustrated, the removal of an authoritarian regime does not necessarily lead to an improved human rights situation if institutions and civil society are weak, or if a culture of human rights and democratic governance has not been cultivated. By providing Iranians with comprehensive human rights reports, data about past and present human rights violations and information about international human rights standards, particularly the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the IHRDC programs will strengthen Iranians' ability to demand accountability, reform public institutions, and promote transparency and respect for human rights.

The IHRDC's Board of Directors are internationally recognized both for their professional accomplishments and their long-standing commitment to respect for human rights.

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The IHRDC staff is made up of a group of dedicated human rights lawyers, researchers and historians, from a diversity of backgrounds, including many who were born in Iran and some who have left only recently. Many staff members possess expertise on Iran and the Middle East; several have experience working in the human rights field, including for other documentation projects, or criminal tribunals. The IHRDC is currently served by 11 full-time and 3 part time staff.