



# General Assembly

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**Letter dated 11 November 2022 from the Permanent Representatives of Germany and Iceland to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council**

We wish to request the convening of a special session of the Human Rights Council to address the deteriorating situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, especially with respect to women and children. So as not to interfere with the ongoing session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, we ask that the special session be held in the week of 21 November 2022, if possible on 24 November. The present request is supported by the Member and observer States listed in the annex.

We make the present request to hold a special session in accordance with the rules and practices of the Human Rights Council.

We ask that you share the present request with the secretariat of the Human Rights Council and convene the Bureau at your earliest convenience in order that the necessary arrangements and notifications may be made. The present letter is submitted as a joint request by Germany and Iceland.

*(Signed)*

**Katharina Stasch**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of  
Germany

*(signed)*

**Einar Gunnarsson**  
Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative of  
Iceland



## **Annex**

### **States members and observer States of the Human Rights Council requesting the convening of a special session**

#### **Member States**

Argentina, Czechia, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Montenegro, Netherlands, Paraguay, Republic of Korea, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

#### **Observer States**

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden

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