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FYI. They want to issue as USG. Are you comfortable with that?

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The EU has agreed to issue the joint statement on human rights situation in Iran with support of all 27 member states. Text they approved is below. They will issue as European Union. Can we issue as "The USG" or "the United States"? (Had been discussion of HRC-Ashton but they want to put in names of EU and US.) Hope is to get it out today.

**JOINT STATEMENT
BY THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
CALLING ON THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT
TO FULFIL ITS HUMAN RIGHTS OBLIGATIONS**

The United States and the European Union condemn the continuing human rights violations in Iran since the June 12 election. The large scale detentions and mass trials, the threatened execution of protestors, the intimidation of family members of those detained and the continuing denial to its citizens of the right to peaceful expression are contrary to human rights norms.

Our concerns are based on our commitment to universal respect for human rights. We are particularly concerned by the potential for further violence and repression during the coming days, especially around the anniversary of the Islamic Republic's founding on 11 February. We call on the Government of Iran to live up to its international human rights obligations, to end its abuses against its own people, to hold accountable those who have committed the abuses and to release those who are exercising their rights.