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IWDU Statement on the Death Sentence against Najmeh Amini

The International Women's Democracy Union (IWDU) condemns in the strongest possible terms the death sentence handed down to Najmeh Amini, a 23-year-old accounting student, for "blasphemy" over a social media post.

A young woman faces execution for words she wrote online. This is not justice. It is the act of a regime that fears its own people, and above all its women.

Her sentence is part of a brutal and systematic escalation of repression by the Iranian regime since the "Woman, Life, Freedom" movement and the January protests. According to Iran Human Rights, more than 500 people have been executed in Iran this year, among them at least 16 women. At least eight more women currently face execution on political and security charges.

No one should ever be sentenced to death for expressing their views. The death penalty is an inhumane punishment and a grave violation of fundamental human rights. Using it to silence dissent is state terror.

The IWDU stands in full solidarity with Najmeh Amini and with all Iranian women who refuse to be silenced. We demand that the Iranian authorities immediately overturn her death sentence and release her. We call on the international community, and on governments of every political stripe, to raise their voices without delay, to hold the regime accountable, and to make clear that the world is watching.

Woman. Life. Freedom.

About the IWDU

The International Women's Democracy Union (IWDU) is the women's organisation of the International Democracy Union, uniting women leaders from centre-right parties worldwide to advance women's political participation, freedom and democracy. The International Democracy Union (IDU) is the global alliance of more than 80 centre-right political parties from all continents, chaired by former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper. *Media enquiries: democracy@idu.org*