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Our thoughts continue to be with all those in Iran who are attempting to engage in peaceful protest and dissent and against whom violence is being used. My personal thoughts and hopes are also with the many people here in Canada, and in particular in Willowdale, those with friends and family members who have suffered, and continue to suffer violence and/or detention.

We support open and transparent democratic elections. And while we respect Iran's sovereignty, the allegations of voter fraud in the past election were very serious, and we strongly condemn continued force and suppression. We feel strongly that the political will of the people of Iran must be upheld.

Iran has committed to the International Bill of Rights, which includes the United Nations [*Universal Declaration of Human Rights*](#), and actively signed and ratified both the [*International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*](#) and the [*International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*](#).

Every Iranian—every human being—must have the ability to speak freely, engage in the democratic process and express political dissent without fear of serious repercussions. We call on Iran, and indeed all countries, to comply with their international human rights obligations and the international rule of law.

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