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### **PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### ***Committee in Support of Referendum in Iran* urges the United Nations to act decisively against the brutal treatment of women and youth by the Iranian government**

During the past week pictures of masked Iranian police forces savagely beating innocent women and youth in the streets under the pretext of combating "mal-veiling" and "removing thugs and hooligans" has shaken the world. The Iranian regime broadcasts the photos and movies of these inhumane attacks on the Iranian National television and the state-run *Fars* news agency website, to frighten the Iranian people even more.

These recent attacks come in addition to Iran's increasingly deteriorating record of human rights. The Iranian police attack private homes to collect satellite dishes and music tapes, CDs and movies. Girls are being abducted and raped by the security forces. Inhumane penalties such as execution by stoning and mutilation of limbs continue on a regular basis. Amnesty International's recent report indicates that the numbers of executions have doubled in 2007 compared to 2006 and currently 30 children under the death penalty are awaiting execution.

The current attacks and beating of women and youth in the streets by the official Iranian police forces are in direct response to the recent uprisings by students, teachers, bus-drivers, women and workers in numerous cities in Iran as these groups ask for their social and economical rights. Unfortunately, the appeasement policy that resulted in ending the UN monitoring of human rights in Iran and the continuation of negotiations with the Iranian government regardless of its brutal treatment of the Iranian people, has significantly emboldened the theocratic mullah regime, resulting in the current situation.

The Committee in Support of the Referendum in Iran (CSRI) urges the United Nations to act swiftly, firmly and decisively against the severe human rights abuses in Iran. CSRI encourages the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations to resume its monitoring of human rights abuse in Iran and to take the matter to the Security Council for appropriate sanctions.

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