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Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

SUBJECT

Iran

ORIGINAL TEXT

REPLY

As long as Maryam Mombeini is unable to leave Iran, the focus of any discussions with the Government of Iran will be on getting her home to Canada. The Minister of Foreign Affairs has spoken directly to Iran's Foreign Minister and raised Mrs. Mombeini's case. The Minister has also spoken directly with Maryam Mombeini on several occasions. The Government of Canada will also continue to demand answers and accountability from Iran on the circumstances surrounding the detention and death of Professor Seyed-Emami.

Canada is committed to holding Iran to account for its violations of human and democratic rights. That is why in December 2018, Canada led a resolution at the UN, supported by 84 states, which holds Iran to account on its inexcusable human rights record.

Canada is aware of the inconveniences caused by the lack of diplomatic presence in both countries. The safety of Canadians abroad is a top priority for the Government of Canada. Canada remains committed to providing consular services to Canadians travelling abroad, including Iran. Canadians in Iran can access routine consular and passport services through the Embassy of Canada to Turkey. Additionally, Italy acts as Canada's protecting power in Iran, representing Canada's interests to the Government of Iran, including providing consular assistance to Canadian nationals.

Alongside its international partners, Canada remains committed to holding Iran to account for its human rights violations and calls on Iran to fully implement its commitments under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.