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Dear Bahá'í Friends,

We are delighted to inform you that on 21 November 2006, the Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution on the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran (A/C.3/61/L.41), with a mention of the Bahá'ís in two operative paragraphs (see attached). Please note that Bulgaria, Macedonia, Micronesia, Moldova, New Zealand and Palau indicated their intention to cosponsor after the resolution had been tabled, so these do not appear on the attached resolution.

The recorded vote was 70 in favor, 48 against, with 55 abstentions (the complete voting list is below). The resolution on Iran was co-sponsored by 43 countries: Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Micronesia, Moldova, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States of America.

A motion to adjourn debate ("no action" motion, Rule 116 of the General Assembly Rules of Procedure), introduced by the Islamic Republic of Iran prior to the vote on the resolution, failed with a recorded vote of 75 in favor, 77 against, with 24 abstentions.

We thank you for all the efforts that you have made in defense of the Bahá'í Community in Iran and for the success of this resolution. The resolution will now come before the Plenary of the 61st General Assembly in mid-December. We request that you contact your governments to thank them if they voted in favor or abstained and ask them to maintain their vote at Plenary.

With loving regards,

Bani Dugal
Principal Representative

**General Assembly Third Committee Recorded Vote
On the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran
(A/C.3/61/L.41 Draft Resolution)
21 November 2006**

States who Voted in Favor (70):

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Belize, Bulgaria, Burundi, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kiribati, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Montenegro, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Palau, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tonga, Tuvalu, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Vanuatu.

States who Voted Against (48):

Afghanistan, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brunei Darussalam, China, Comoros, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Morocco, Myanmar, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Togo, Tunisia, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

States who Abstained (55):

Angola, Antigua-Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Lao PDR, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Suriname, Swaziland, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Zambia.

States not participating in the vote (19):

Central African Republic, Chad, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Grenada, Guinea Bissau, Iraq, Liberia, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Somalia, Timor Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey.

RECORDED VOTES IN THE THIRD COMMITTEE 1992 - 2006

	Member states	Voting in favor	Voting against	Abstaining	Absent
1992 Third Cttee	179	83	16	34	46
1993 Third Cttee	184	68	22	45	49
1994 Third Cttee	185	68	23	56	38
1995 Third Cttee	185	74	26	49	36
1996 Third Cttee	185	78	26	49	32
1997 Third Cttee	185	68	27	49	41
1998 Third Cttee	185	63	35	60	27
1999 Third Cttee	188	60	41	53	34
2000 Third Cttee	189	58	53	48	30
2001 Third Cttee	189	71	53	41	24
2002	No resolution				
2003 Third Cttee	191	73	49	50	19
2004 Third Cttee	191	69	55	51	16
2005 Third Cttee	191	77	51	46	17
2006 Third Cttee	192	70	48	55	19

**General Assembly Third Committee Recorded Vote
On the Motion by Iran to Adjourn Debate (Rule 116)
[Draft Resolution on the Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran
A/C.3/61/L.41]
21 November 2006**

States who Voted in Favor (75):

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua-Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Comoros, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Gambia, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao PDR, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

States who Voted Against (77):

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Burundi, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kiribati, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Vanuatu.

States who Abstained (24):

Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Cape Verde, Colombia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nepal, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania.

States not participating in the vote (16):

Benin, Central African Republic, Chad, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Grenada, Guinea Bissau, Iraq, Liberia, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey.