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Your excellence,

who is writing to you is a Christian Evangelical Baptist church located in Sardinia, together with some local religious leaders. In Sardinia we are promoting interreligious dialogue among all the religions present in town, which, besides the different Christian denominations, express themselves in the Baha'i, the Buddhist, the Hebrew, the Hare Krishna and the Muslim faith communities. Despite the fact that we are not meeting very often, we recently had the occasion to invite the president of the Union of Islamic communities and organizations in Italy (UCOII), Dr. Mohamed Nour Dachan, and have him introduce in an interreligious setting the Islamic faith in Italy to a broad and interested audience. In more than ten years of dialogue and common activities of our faith groups, we made the experience that the deepening of the knowledge of the faith of the other, would let us discover many common interests and purposes in which we could share. We, therefore, had the possibility to commonly raise our voices against terrorism and war, no matter from which side they are begun and underline that our religions are concerned about a peaceful way to live in a plural setting.

We are turning to your office today, in order to express our concern for the free exercise of the Baha'i religion in the Republic of Iran. In particular we refer to the news of 800

students that are not allowed to participate in the university programs, unless they hide or renounce their confession in the Baha'i religion. We would therefore like to draw your attention the recent UN resolution 1811, which asks your country to apply the human rights of free religious enterprise also over against the members of a Baha'i minority.

We thank you on beforehand for your attentive reception of this letter.

Sincere greetings,

on behalf of the Christian Evangelical Baptist Church of Cagliari, the pastor,  
Herbert Anders, Protestant member of the interreligious working-group of Cagliari

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Marcello Floris, Catholic member of the interreligious working-group of Cagliari

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Sergio Meloni, Buddhist member of the interreligious working-group of Cagliari

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