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UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
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Dear Ms. Pillay,

Warmest Greetings from JANANEETHI, Kerala, India!

We, the members of JANANEETHI in India, are concerned and would address you based on our information collected from various sources as well explained below:

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Since January 1st, 2009, that the protection of Camp Ashraf in Iraq has been transferred from US forces to the Iraqi government, the international community is faced with an increasing anxiety over the violation of the most basic rights of 3500 people in Camp Ashraf who 1000 of them are women. Ashraf is home to the members of the Iranian opposition, People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI).

Following the Iranian regime's supreme leader called imperatively on 28 February 2009, on Iraqi government to implement their bilateral agreement to expel PMOI members from Iraq as quickly as possible, the concerns and worries have escalated. In this regard, the Iraqi authorities have threatened to attack buildings in Ashraf and are insisting to displace residents of Ashraf to remote locations in Iraq against international law. Amnesty International has in particular expressed its concern over the statement by Iraqi National Security Advisor who confessed, "The authorities are planning to make their presence in Iraq gradually intolerable".

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Currently, Camp Ashraf is under a total logistical blockade. On 24 April 2009, the European Parliament resolution called on the Iraqi government end the blockade of Ashraf, refrain from displacing the Camp residents and "to respect the legal status of the Camp Ashraf residents as protected persons under the Geneva Conventions, and to refrain from any action that would endanger their life or security, i.e. to afford them full access to food, water, medical care and supplies, fuel, family members and international humanitarian organizations".

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We, therefore, urge you as the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to reiterate your previous humanitarian position concerning Camp Ashraf residents to the Iraqi government, and in particular condemn their forced displacement. We also demand you to ask USA through UN Security Council, base on global principle of "responsibility to Protect" (R to P) for vulnerable population, to protect Ashraf residents who left unprotected by US against Iranian regime's threats. This should continue until the Iraqi government in line with its international commitments is capable and willing to stand against the Iranian regime's pressure against Ashraf.

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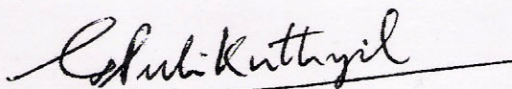
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Yours sincerely for Jananeethi Family.



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