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**The members of the Directive Council of the IAES (International Academy of Environmental Sciences) would like to declare their profound sympathy and their support to Shirin Ebadi, the first Iranian Muslim woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003 for her commitment in promoting the rights of women and children in her native Country.**

Shirin Ebadi has recently joined the Carta di Venezia 2006 and the projects "Corte Penale Internazionale dell'Ambiente" e "Corte Penale Europea dell'Ambiente" (International Criminal Court of the Environment and European Criminal Court of the Environment) promoted by the International Academy of Environmental Sciences.

At the moment, Mrs. Ebadi is living in a situation of actual exile; she has suffered the forfeiture of her flat, of the pension she is entitled to draw from the Ministry of Justice and of her and her family's bank account; she is under continuous threat and she has eventually suffered the attachment of the Nobel Prize and of other prizes (among which the Légion d'honneur) she had been awarded.

In 2003 the Nobel Prize Committee praised Mrs Ebadi for "her commitment to democracy and human rights" and stated that "she has distinguished herself as a valid professional, as a brave person, never considering the threats against her own safety".

La violazione dei diritti che Shirin Ebadi è costretta a subire -e per ultimo si veda l'arresto della sorella, Nushin Ebadi- è inammissibile e, come membri del consiglio direttivo IAES, insieme all'Accademia tutta, i sottoscritti protestano rivolgendo l'appello affinché siano restituiti tutti i premi, gli onorari e siano ripristinati i diritti civili nei confronti di chi costituisce un simbolo di libertà in Iran e nel resto del mondo.

The violation of her civil rights, which Shirin Ebadi is forced to suffer – and, last but not least, her sister's arrest - is unacceptable. Therefore, as members of the IAES Board, together with all the Academy members, we, the undersigned, protest and demand all prizes and wages to be returned to Mrs Ebadi and civil rights to be restored in favour of a person who is a symbol of freedom both in Iran and in the whole world.

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