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Mr Ali Larijani
President of Iranian Parliament
Through the Embassy
Of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Via Nomentana, 361 - ROMA

Mr President,

The Senate of the University of Palermo expresses its strong disagreement against the policy of the Government of Iran refusing to admit Baha'i students at Universities and higher education institutions in Iran. This policy, quoted in the memorandum of Iranian government of 1991, claiming that Baha'i students "should be expelled by universities during the admission process, or during their studies, once ascertained they are Baha'i"¹ has been condemned time and again through Resolutions of the Human Right Commission of the United Nations. The persistent and continuous application of this policy is still in force, meaning that still there aren't Baha'i students within University or higher education institutions in Iran.

We appeal to an intervention by yours, to change immediately this policy in such a way that, in the respect for fundamental human rights, an opportunity is given to Baha'i students to be admitted in Universities ad higher education institutions in Iran.

The Senate of the University of Palermo wishes the Iranian Government maintain international promises: to end persecution of Baha'i community, including the release of those who, by now, suffer of restrictive measures, and to ensure that Baha'i students in Iran have the permission to continue in the higher education they choose.

Yours faithfully

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Roberto Lagalla

¹ Quoted in the report of the Special Rpresentative of United nations within the commission for human Rights, 1993, UN Dic. XX(UU), par.xxx

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