

# “Woman, Life, Freedom Europe” Association

## Memorandum of Understanding of the “Woman, Life, Freedom Europe” Association

### About Us

We are a pluralistic association of activists of the Woman, Life, Freedom movement in Europe, composed of members with diverse beliefs and backgrounds. We came together after the killing of Jina (Mahsa) Amini on September 16, 2022, and the beginning of the Woman, Life, Freedom revolution in Iran, united by a shared pain and a common purpose.

Our goal is to achieve freedom and justice in Iran<sup>1</sup> based on the principles of human rights.

To this end, the political system we envision for the Iran of tomorrow is a secular and democratic republic<sup>2</sup> founded on national unity and cultural-ethnic diversity. Needless to say, we will accept the choice made by the Iranian people through free and fair elections regarding the future system of Iran.

Politically, we are a centrist<sup>3</sup> group, and one of our main priorities is to help build coalitions within the Iranian opposition for the transition away from the Islamic Republic.

### Shared Beliefs and Values

- We believe in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and its supplementary covenants.
- We believe in the territorial integrity of Iran within the framework of international law.
- We believe that the path to a secular and democratic society in Iran is nonviolent struggle, also known as civil resistance.
- We believe that achieving this goal requires education, organization, transparency, and adherence to democratic principles in decision-making.
- We condemn all forms of discrimination based on ethnicity, social class, skin color, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or religious belief or non-belief.

1. The national flag of Iran is the tricolor flag of green, white, and red, featuring the lion, sun, and sword emblem.



2. Republic: A form of government in which power belongs to the people, and representatives are elected by the people. The highest political authority is chosen either by these representatives or directly by the people.

Democratic Republic: A republic built on democratic principles. This means that people elect their representatives in free elections. The people, directly or indirectly, elect the highest political authority of the country. A constitution exists that protects the rights of minorities against the will of the majority.

Secularism: The separation of religion from politics. Its laws are civil and natural, not religious or based on religious jurisprudence.

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/democracy/The-theory-of-democracy>

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/republic-government>

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/democracy/Democracy-or-republic>

3. In politics, centrism refers to a political perspective or specific stance that includes support for social equality and social stratification, without strict adherence to a particular ideological affiliation—because the definition of the political “center” varies from one country to another.

Centrist party ideology is generally recognized as a middle-ground, coalition-building approach, often including both center-right and center-left political factions. It rejects the political polarization of far-left and far-right movements.

Centrism can also be understood as a modern political movement that seeks to reconcile right-wing and left-wing politics by supporting a mix of center-right economic policies and center-left social policies.

As a centrist association, we politically believe in a secular, democratic republican system, and economically we identify as liberal/social, emphasizing the importance of a welfare state

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- We will not cooperate with the following groups within the framework of our association:
  - Groups that have any form of ties to the Islamic Republic
  - Groups that undermine Iran’s territorial integrity in any way
  - Groups with a history of being on terrorist lists

For example, groups such as the Mojahedin-e Khalq (MEK), violent extremist organizations, NIAC, reformists, and agents or affiliates of the Islamic Republic fall into these categories.

## Achievements and Objectives

- Achieving freedom and justice in Iran based on human rights principles.
- Supporting the struggle of the Iranian people through:
  - Nonviolent resistance
  - Raising global awareness
  - Amplifying the voices and demands of the Iranian people within democratic European political parties
  - Providing and implementing strategies for uniting the Iranian opposition and creating political leadership
- Offering strategies for managing the transition from the Islamic Republic to a secular and democratic system, through:
  - Inviting scholars and experts to develop and present professional and scientific plans
  - Collaborating with other opposition groups to manage the transition period

## Ethical Principles

Our activities are grounded in the following ethical principles:

- Presumption of innocence and no ideological interrogation
- Transparency, honesty, accountability, openness to criticism, freedom of expression, and opposition to discrimination and harassment
- Upholding democratic practices within organizational activities
- Protection of confidential information
- Compliance with relevant organizational laws, regulations, and policies
- Responsible and appropriate use of human and organizational resources

**\*\* The principles and values of this memorandum are non-negotiable and unchangeable.**

## Amendments to the Memorandum

If the General Assembly is convened with a predetermined agenda including this item, this memorandum (except for the section on principles and values) may be amended. To amend the memorandum, the presence of two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the association’s members and the approval of three-quarters plus one ( $\frac{3}{4}+1$ ) of the members present is required.