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H. E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
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Rome, February 9, 2013.

Your Excellency,

The Italian Committee of Parliamentarians and Citizens for a Free Iran is shocked by learning that this morning at 5:45 AM Iraqi time Camp Liberty, near Baghdad, where more than 3,000 Iranian asylum seekers are kept as prisoners while waiting for the definition of their refugee status, came under missile and mortar attack.

At least 6 men and a woman, among the residents of the camp, have been killed and more than 100 wounded. Rockets and artillery hit no less than 35 places in the camp.

Such an attack is absolutely unacceptable. Where is the protection the UN and UNHCR must ensure to those asylum seekers?

As many international observers asserted several times, Camp Liberty does not provide acceptable living conditions for a large number of asylum seekers, especially if they are kept there for many months or even years.

There is no protection against attacks, not even cement buildings to shelter them; lack of assistance and ambulances make the situation of the wounded even more serious.

New attacks on Camp Liberty can happen again and again. We strongly urge you to do all you can and must in order to save the lives of those people.

We believe they should be immediately and in a safety way moved back to Ashraf, where they can at least have shelters against similar attacks and more human living conditions.