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We, undersigned Members of the European Parliament, are shocked by the reports of a terrorist assassination attempt against our esteemed colleague and friend, Dr. Alejo Vidal-Quadras, in Madrid today. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family during this challenging time, and we wish him strength and a swift recovery.

We vehemently condemn this cowardly act of terrorism and urgently call on the Spanish authorities to initiate a thorough investigation. Those identified as responsible for planning and executing this heinous attack must be named and prosecuted without any reservation or political expediency.

Dr. Vidal-Quadras is a staunch human rights champion and a long-standing supporter of the Iranian people and their organized democratic resistance, the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI).

His principled stance against the Iranian regime, coupled with his unwavering support for the Iranian people and their democratic aspirations, has made him a target of the Iranian regime's demonization campaign. Notably, he was among the first European politicians to be included in the Iranian regime's enemy list.

Having served as the Vice President of the European Parliament for 15 years, Dr Vidal-Quadras currently leads the International Committee In Search of Justice, a non-profit NGO based in Brussels dedicated to promoting human rights, freedom, democracy in Iran, and peace and stability in the Middle East.

He has been a leading voice in advocating for the EU and the international community to abandon their failed appeasement of the brutal and repressive regime in Iran for a firm policy based on recognizing the popular struggle for a free and democratic Iran and holding the regime and its leader accountable for decades of crimes against humanity.

In light of the Iranian regime's character, known animosity, and repeated threats against Dr Vidal-Quadras, it should be considered one of the prime suspects during the investigation of today's terrorist assassination attempt on his life.

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