PRESS RELEASE: Iranian Kurdistan International Conference

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The Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organisation (UNPO), in tandem with the International Network of Iranian Kurdistan Human Rights (INIKHR), will host a half-day international conference focusing on the deteriorating situation for Kurds living in Iran. The conference will take place at Nieuwsport in The Hague on Monday 1 September 2014.

The situation for the Iranian Kurds has deteriorated consistently since the Islamic Revolution of 1979, and the current situation marks an all-time low for the minority. Iranian Kurdistan has been subject to civilian human rights abuses, systematic discrimination in housing and employment, as well as exclusion from the political process and coerced assimilation – all during often-violent confrontation with the government in Tehran. The upcoming conference will bring together experts, academics, politicians and the media with the aim of refocusing global attention on the challenges faced by this oft-overlooked minority group.

All members of the printed and digital media with an interest in this area are invited to attend the conference. Details on the accreditation procedure will be released on our official website shortly.

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INIKHR is an organisation dedicating to advancing dialogue around the fundamental rights of Iranian Kurds. It is based in the Netherlands.

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