



## Appeal for solidarity with the Iranian musician Shahin Najafi by Members of the European Parliament

We stand in solidarity with the Iranian musician and rapper Shahin Najafi. Shahin has been hiding in Germany since 2005 and two fatwas were subsequently issued against him after having introduced a song that critically examines the Iranian Regime. The EU clearly supports the promotion of human rights both internally, but equally on a world- wide basis. The support for 'human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights' forms part of its core values. We are calling upon the Commission and all Members of the European Parliament to use all possible means to annul the fatwa- we would like to repeat the need for short-term actions and solidarity. It can not be tolerated that someone is fearing for his/her life, here within Europe. We pay great respect to Shahin's courage in insisting on his human right to freedom of expression and religion.

### List of MEPs who support the appeal:

Amelia Andersdotter, Sweden	Zita Gurmai, Hungary	Edward Scicluna, Malta
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