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Mr. J. Dougan-Beaca  
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United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights  
Palais des Nations  
CH-1211 Geneva 10  
Switzerland

Dear Sir:

In your correspondence dated 29 February, 2008, concerning the application for accreditation of the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA) to the Durban Review Conference and its preparatory committees, you advised that the Government of Iran "has decided to object to the accreditation of your organization".

You further state that, in accordance with the procedures laid down by the United Nations, "the comments of the Member States shall be communicated to the non-governmental organization concerned, which will be offered the opportunity to respond".

Not only have we never received any such information but we now understand from the Government of Canada that Iran has once again raised an objection, orally, at a recent UN meeting in Geneva.

We therefore request that you share with us any comments made by Iran, their grounds for objection, and when and how we will be given an opportunity to respond. Please also advise when the decision will be made.

Yours sincerely,



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