

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
ON RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN

Wednesday 27 November 1985 afternoon
Thursday 28 November 1985 morning and afternoon
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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME¹

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Preparatory meetings of the Political Affairs Committee and/or the Subcommittee on Human Rights; and, possibly, presentation by a representative of the Iranian Government.

Thursday 28 November 1985: 9.00 - 12.30 and 3.00 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

Opening of the hearing by the chairman of the Political Affairs Committee, Mr Roberto Formigoni, who will co-chair the hearing with Mrs Ien van den Heuvel, chairman of the Subcommittee on Human Rights.

Introduction

(comparing pre-Shah and post-Shah Iran, putting the Khomeini revolution in the context of the Islamic world, and in particular, describing Iran's ethnic and religious composition, and its treatment of minorities)

Mr Peter Avery of King's College, Cambridge

✓ Situation of minority groups

A spokesman of the Bahá'i International Community, accompanied by one or more 'witnesses' who have personal experience of human rights abuses in Iran

¹Members will be advised of any changes to this programme

²Exact timings yet to be determined

Death penalty, torture, inhuman
and degrading treatment

Mr Karim Lahidji, Paris-based lawyer, who practised law in Iran under both the Shah and during the early part of the Khomeini regime

Maitre Christian Rostoker, French lawyer and Deputy Secretary General of the Fédération Internationale des Droits de l'Homme who has published reports on the human rights situation in Iran in 1984 following a fact-finding mission to that country

The situation of women

Frau Dr Schahnaz-Alami, Berlin-based expert on Iran who has published widely on this topic.

It is envisaged that a witness, with direct personal experience of the current situation of women in Iran (possibly from the Movement of Iranian Women in Frankfurt) also will address this topic

Conscription of children

Joint presentation by Mr Michel Rod, Director of Terre des Hommes, Lausanne, and Mr Per Tegmo of Défense des Enfants Internationale. (These organisations, which specialise in childrens' welfare, have visited prison camps in Iraq and Iran and reported on conscription of children for the war effort.)