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Sub-Commission on Prevention of
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of Minorities

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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL
FREEDOMS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD WITH PARTICULAR
REFERENCE TO COLONIAL AND OTHER DEPENDENT
COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

Note verbale dated 10 August 1981 from the Permanent
Mission of Canada to the United Nations Office at
Geneva addressed to the Secretary-General

"The Permanent Mission of Canada presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the text of a motion adopted unanimously on 9 June 1981 by the House of Commons of Canada regarding the treatment of the Baha'i community in Iran. The text of the motion is attached.

- The Permanent Mission would be grateful if the Secretary-General would circulate the text of the motion to the members of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights as an official document of the Commission on Human Rights in sufficient time for the members of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to be made aware of the motion's contents when they meet for the 34th session of the Sub-Commission."

^{*/} E/1981/25, chapter XVI

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Annex

TEXT OF A MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY ON 9 JUNE 1981
BY THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA

Motion proposed by Mr. Bill Kempling, Member of Parliament (Burlington)
seconded by Ms. Flora MacDonald, Member of Parliament (Kingston and the islands).

"In light of the brutal disregard for human rights displayed by the Iranian Government against the Bahai faith in Iran and in view of the announced intention of the Government of Iran to destroy all traces of the holiest Bahai shrine and to desecrate its site, (the House of Commons) deploras the decision to desecrate the sacred shrine which three million Bahai around the world consider the birthplace and the symbol of their faith and, should the Government of Iran continue its persecution, (the House of Commons) urges that the United Nations Commission on Human Rights takes up once again its investigation of Iranian policy toward the Bahai community in Iran."
