Protocol for Protecting Individuals at Iran's Points of Entry

The present protocol has been developed to unify the procedure of individuals' arrival and departure through Iran's points of entry. Accordingly, any case of arrival in and departure from Iran must undergo preliminary examination and investigation including checking the body temperature and other clinical signs and also being asked about the nationality (Iranian and non-Iranian), arrival in or departure from Iran, transit, and previous travels to contaminated countries. The outcome of the examinations and investigations leads to one of the following scenarios. **This protocol is shared with the health and consulate authorities of pertinent countries.**

I. Arrival of Iranians in Iran

- 1. Any Iranian who enters Iran for whom the outcome of the preliminary investigation (including checking the body temperature and general condition) would be negative may continue their journey with no problems.
- 2. Any Iranian who enters Iran for whom the outcome of the preliminary investigation (especially the body temperature and sound general condition) would be suspected has to have their oxygen measured by pulse oxymeter. Should the percentage of oxygen saturation stand below 93 percent, the individual is referred to the relevant health center or hospital at the discretion of the healthcare agent stationed at the point of entry health post for further tests.

II. Departure of Iranians from Iran

- 1. Any Iranian who leaves Iran for whom the outcome of the preliminary investigation is negative should receive a health certificate to present to the point of entry officials or airline authorities of the destination country, if required.
- 2. Any Iranian who intends to leave Iran for whom the outcome of the preliminary investigation (body temperature and general condition) is suspected should undergo oxygen measurement through pulse oxymeter. If the oxygen level is lower than 93 percent, the individual's departure has to be stopped and that individual is introduced to a designated health center.

III. Arrival of Non-Iranians in Iran

- 1. Any non-Iranian entering Iran for whom the outcome of the preliminary investigation (body temperature, general condition, and previous travels to epicenter regions) is negative may continue their journey with no problems.
- 2. Any non-Iranian who enters Iran for whom the outcome of the preliminary investigation (body temperature, general condition, and previous travels to contaminated areas) would

be suspected has to have their oxygen measured by pulse oxymeter. Should the percentage of oxygen level stand below 93 percent, the individual is returned from the zero point of the border to the country of origin. Upon reentry in Iran, the individual must present a health certificate.

IV. Departure of Non-Iranians from Iran

- 1. Any Iranian who leaves Iran for whom the outcome of the preliminary investigation (body temperature and general condition) is negative should receive a health certificate.
- 2. Any non-Iranian who intends to leave Iran for whom the outcome of the preliminary investigation (body temperature and general condition) is suspected should undergo oxygen measurement through pulse oxymeter. If the oxygen level is lower than 93 percent, the individual is immediately introduced to designated quarantine or healthcare centers for further tests. Should the individual not be willing to comply, the airline officials at airports or the border officials at ground points of entry should be informed to decide upon the case and the relevant measures (regarding segregating the individual on the airplane) should be taken. Furthermore, the border or airport officials should prepare a note to be signed by the individual and his/her companions, the health post officials, and the airline officials.

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