

To the Iranian detainees:

By now you will have been told that your application to remain in Australia has been unsuccessful. We understand that you will be disappointed. Those who smuggled you here misled you by creating expectations that were not realistic.

It is now time, however for you to take positive action to regain control of your life.

If you choose to return to Iran of your own free will the Australian Government will provide you with all the necessary help to make this return possible. The Iranian Government will also assist, if necessary, as it is their desire to see all Iranians in detention returned in this way.

If you choose to return to Iran we will provide the following:

- . we will meet the costs of the required airfares and travel documents to get you to your final destination;
- . we will waive the debt you owe to the Australian Government for the cost of detention and return to Iran. We will also waive any court costs you may have incurred. This will ensure that you have no legal barrier to submit an application to come to Australia in the future; and
- . we will provide you with financial assistance for your reintegration in Iran: A\$2000 (adult or child) or up to A\$10,000 per family (defined as husband/wife and dependent children),

To be entitled to these benefits, you must accept the offer within 28 days of receiving a formal letter of offer, which we expect will be provided on **XXXX**.

If you do not choose to return in a dignified voluntary manner the Australian Government will take steps to return you to Iran in the near future. This return will not provide you with the same benefits:

- . You will not be eligible to apply to re-enter Australia legally.
- . You will not receive any financial assistance.

We urge you to actively consider your options. Failure to do so will result in your removal from Australia. The Governments of Iran and Australia are currently consulting on the issue of your removal should you not depart voluntarily.

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