

[PROVISIONAL TRANSLATION FROM PERSIAN]

[Translator's notes appear in square brackets]

[Personal information has been **redacted**.]

In the Name of God

With greetings,

In view of the fact that—unlike Judaism, Christianity, and Zoroastrians—the Baha'i sect does not have any Holy Books, it is not recognized as a religious minority by the constitution. But since they are the citizens of this country, they are entitled to their citizenship rights. Also, they should benefit from Islamic compassion, which has been emphasized in the Qur'an and by the religious leaders.

I wish you success

Peace be upon you and God's mercy

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Ayatollah Montazeri's decree declaring Iranian Bahá'ís as rightful citizens