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**The Honorable Rector
University of Florence
Florence, Italy**

Subject: Appreciation for Your Academic Commitment and Proposal for Collaboration

Dear Rector,

On behalf of the University of Isfahan, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the recent decision made by the University of Florence and its academic units to suspend institutional collaborations with certain Israeli institutions, in alignment with the principles of academic justice and solidarity.

We understand from recent public reports that five of your esteemed faculties have taken this principled position within the framework of the global academic boycott movement. We deeply value and commend the ethical commitment reflected in this action, particularly during a time when global academic institutions are increasingly called upon to take positions that align with human rights and international law.

It is also noteworthy that the University of Florence has continued its constructive academic relationships with Iranian universities, including the University of Isfahan. As one of Florence's sister cities, Isfahan holds deep respect for your city's cultural and academic heritage, and we believe that such decisions further reinforce the spirit of mutual understanding and respect between our institutions and communities.

This position is particularly meaningful in light of the continued acts of aggression by the Israeli regime, including attacks on civilian infrastructure, research facilities dedicated to peaceful purposes, and medical centers in Iran—incidents that have resulted in the loss of innocent lives, among them women, children, and members of the academic community. These actions have occurred despite Iran's ongoing engagement in diplomatic negotiations with international partners, including the United States, and its commitment to peaceful scientific advancement.

In light of these developments, we at the University of Isfahan reaffirm our appreciation for your commitment to ethical academic engagement and express our strong interest in expanding bilateral cooperation. We would be pleased to arrange an online meeting at your convenience to explore potential avenues for academic collaboration.

With kind regards and highest esteem,

Warm Regards,

**Prof. Rasoul Roknizadeh
President**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Roknizadeh', written over a circular official stamp of the University of Isfahan. The stamp includes the text 'Ministry of Science, Research and Technology' and 'University of Isfahan' with the year '1946'.