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To honorable

Viceminister  
Dr. Mohammad Hassan Talebian

Director Dr. Jebrael Nokandeh  
Iranian Cultural Heritage, Handicraft and  
Tourism Organisation  
National Museum

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## Protection of Iranian Cultural Heritage

Dear Viceminister Dr Talebian, dear Director Dr Nokandeh,

The German Mining Museum Bochum and the Institute of Archaeological Studies der RUB have been collaborating successfully and trustfully with culturally engaged people, with conservators and archaeologists for decades. The Iranian cultural and archaeological heritage is an important heritage and part of the cultural memory of humankind. An important part is the rich mining heritage of your country. An important part will be shown soon in the Bochum exhibition ("Death in the Salt. An Archaeological Tale from Persia").

As an institution that considers the protection, research and education of cultural relations as its core mission we are much concerned over the spiral of aggression at the Middle east conflict areas. We turn with vehemence against destruction of cultural heritage and force against people no matter which political opinion is opined or even is asserted by military force. The destruction of cultural heritage violates article 52 and 53 of the Geneva Convention. We plead for compliance with these goals for the protection of cultural heritage. The Iranian testimonials of humankind must be preserved also for future generations. We support your efforts to preserve your cultural heritage. We are looking forward to show these heritage in Germany and to punctuate on its importance once again.

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