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A Bill of Further Humiliation and Destruction of Family

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After months of debate over revising “protecting family” bill within the last months of seventh parliament, by eliminating or adding components to the initial judiciary branch proposed bill which was even contrary to the Islamic Republic “laws” and official interpretations*, Ahmadinejad’s government, through a controversial action, came up with a product which violates all gender equality and justice foundation and destabilizes family structure.

Because of women’s widespread protest against the bill, the seventh parliament decided to pass it on to the eighth parliament. Shortly after different parliamentary commissions were formed, during its first session, the Judiciary and Juridical Commission approved the totality of the bill without any changes.

All the wavers and addendums of this bill not only weaken the foundation of family but also humiliate women and men’s legal, civil, and social rights. Although denying part of women rights or gender discrimination within the family, as a safe haven for all its members, is equal to violating basic rights of the half of the population, it is a clear insult to other half of the population who, by this bill, is apparently given the freedom of having sexual relationship with multiple women based on their wealth.

The general view of this bill regarding women, like other bills ratified during the Islamic Republic existence, treats women as a second class, incapable, and lesser citizen. This view does not recognize women’s right to decide about their own bodies and lives. The authors of this bill recognize giving birth as the only dimension of women’s entity. On the other hand, they view the man as an entity whose view about family is generally based on racket and variety. Contrary to its wording on emphasizing on family’s special and unique importance, this bill makes the family a racket haven for men with enough wealth.

The authors of this bill and its advocates forget that they are responsible to answer new generations’ questions of why they divert family to a nervous and violent place and how they dare to oppress their women and daughters.

On the other hand, in various instances such as; not recording temporary marriage, oversimplifying second marriage, women’s employment without husband’s consent, lack of guardianship right, paying tax on dowry (before receiving), defining punishment for those who marry foreigners without court’s permission, the bill is

clearly in contradiction with the international human rights, the Islamic Republic international commitments, and even the Islamic Republic constitution.

Women Working Group of the OIPFM objects the government's struggle to ratify humiliation against women and family in the cover of "protecting family" bill and alongside with all freedom loving women, men and organizations demands all concerned Iranians to organize widespread protests against this bill in national and international scales.

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* According to the second clause of Article 158 and also second clause of Guardian Council interpretation, dated 30/7/1379, executive branch is not permitted to change the judiciary bills.