



THE FACULTY SENATE OF PALOMAR COLLEGE

May 8, 2006

Mrs. Louise Arbour
High Commissioner for Human Rights
Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
United Nations Office at Geneva
1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland

Dear Mrs. Arbour:

The Faculty Senate of Palomar College strongly believes in and supports the right to education for all people. Furthermore, we believe that if a person is denied access to education by a government, individual human rights are also violated. Unfortunately, students who are of Baha'i faith are denied higher education by the government of Iran.

According to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948, "Everyone has the right to education...without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status." Baha'i youth in Iran desire to continue their education just as other students around the world do in order to contribute to society at large, to gain knowledge, and to improve their own self-worth.

The Faculty Senate requests that the High Commissioner for Human Rights issue a mandate calling for equal access to higher education for all students on the basis of merit and not deny access because of religious belief.

Sincerely yours,

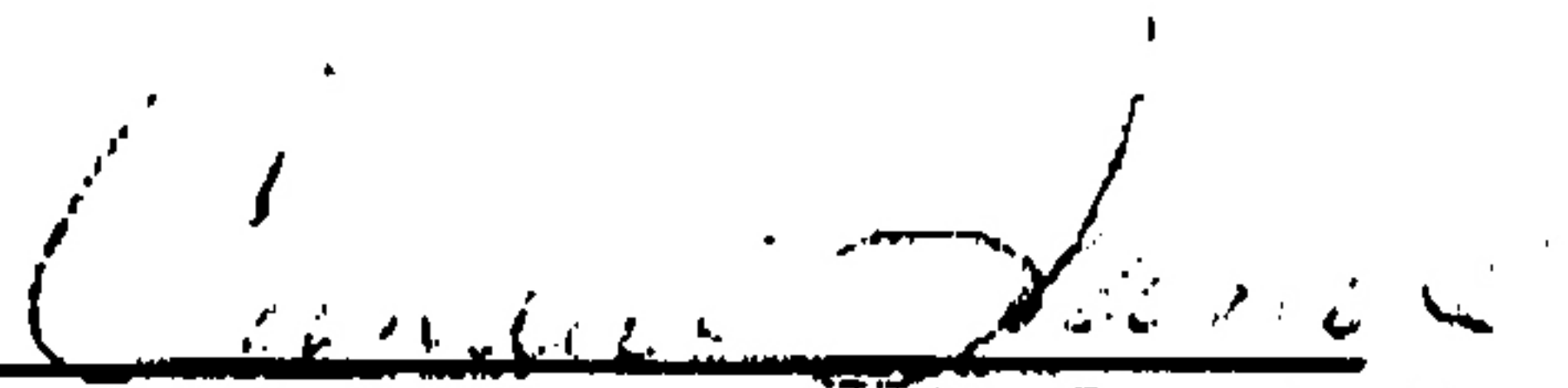
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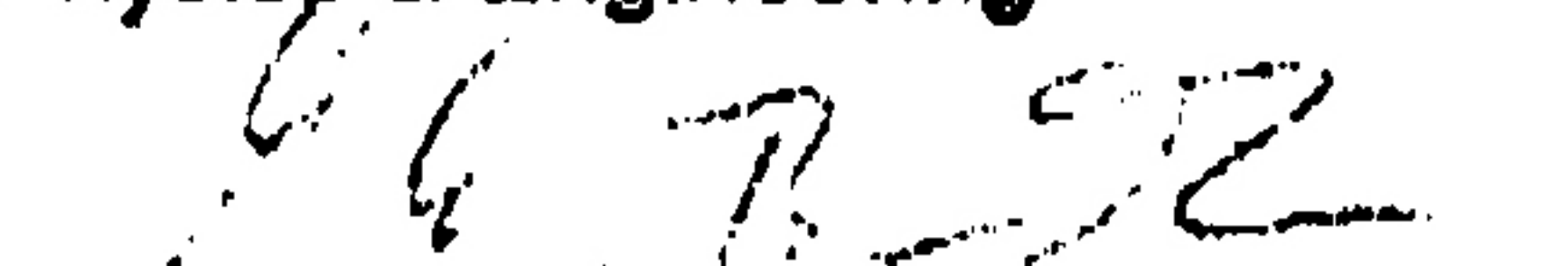
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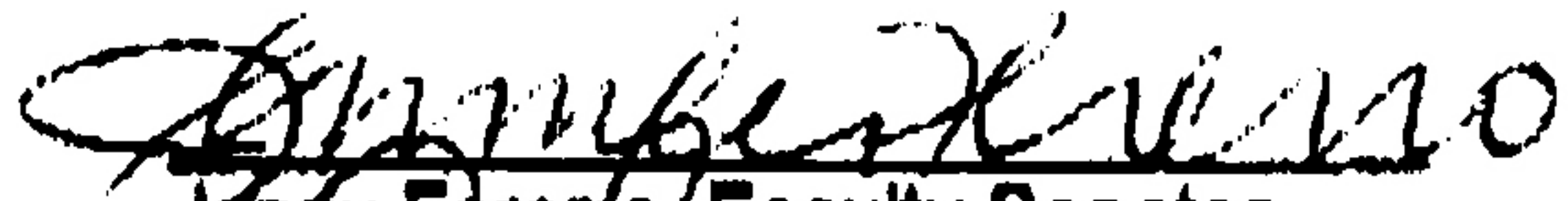
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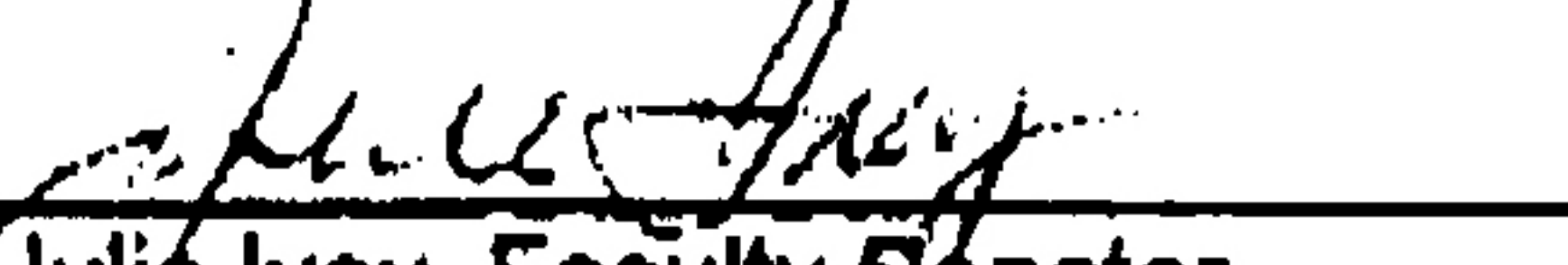
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