Codebook

Code name	Definition	Examples	Coded segments
1 sanctions	Restrictive measures that target Iran or individuals/entities associated with the Iranian regime, can be economic, individual etc.	“As part of wider efforts to hold Iran to account, the UK has today also sanctioned a further 8 individuals responsible for horrific human rights violations in Iran, including the killing of children” (text 146)	62
1.1 economic relations	Economic diplomacy with Iran/Afghanistan, economic effect of sanctions	“In 2022, however, the foreign trade volume fell to approximately 1.88 billion euro“ (text 66)	3
1.2 terrorism listing debate	References to the EU and UK-wide debate on whether to list the IRGC as a terrorist organization	“Yes, such a label would have symbolic power. In practice though, the question is whether they can be listed in such a way that will stand up in court” (text 63)	4
2 bi- and multilateral action	Action taken in bilateral relations with other countries and action taken/speeches given at multilateral fora like the UN, EU, G7	“Following the meeting, more than 50 states, including the UK, signed a statement led by Costa Rica criticising the ‘alarming pace’ of executions in Iran” (text 178)	14
2.1 bilateral	Bilateral action and talks with other countries on Iran/Afghanistan	“I maintain a close exchange, for example, with my Canadian colleague on support for women in Iran” (text 14)	13

2.2 OSCE	Action taken and speeches given at the OSCE	“Outside the OSCE region, in Iran, we have witnessed the reprehensible detention and death of a young woman, Mahsa Amini, as a direct result of the systemic repression of women and girls in Iran” (text 105)	2
2.3 EU	Action taken and speeches given at the EU, except sanctions	“In addition, new Council Conclusions – the first since 2019 – are to reflect the new reality in relations with Iran” (text 26)	3
2.4 G7	Action taken and speeches given at/with the G7	“We, the G7 members, express our support for the fundamental aspiration of the people of Iran for a future where **human security** and their **universal human rights** are respected and protected” (text 69)	6
2.5 UN	Action taken and speeches given at the UN	“It is for this very reason that we lend the people of Iran our voice in the United Nations, so that evidence can be collected which your NGO can then one day finally use so that crimes do not go unpunished” (text 59)	4
2.5.1 Third Committee	Action taken and speeches given at the UN Third Committee	“We co-sponsored the present resolution and we thank Canada for facilitating this important text” (text 19)	7
2.5.2 ECOSOC	Action taken and speeches given at the UN ECOSOC	“That’s why the UK will vote in favour of the resolution to remove Iran from the Commission on the Status of Women” (text 129)	6

2.5.3 Security Council	Action taken and speeches given at the UNSC	“Colleagues have listed the tragedies of conflicts around the world – from the suppression of the rights of women in Iran …” (text 150)	5
2.5.4 Human Rights Council	Action taken and speeches given at the UNHRC	“In November, this Council voted in favour of setting up a Fact Finding Mission to document the human rights violations in Iran – the brutal suppression of protesters, the deaths of hundreds of women, men and children” (text 43)	40
3 diplomatic action	Action taken regarding the diplomatic relations with Iran/Afghanistan	“Fourthly, we are taking the necessary steps with regard to our bilateral relations, too.” (text 13)	6
3.1 diplomatic representation	Upholding or closing diplomatic representations in Iran/Afghanistan, summonin Iranian diplomats	“The Foreign Secretary today instructed Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) officials to summon Iran’s most senior diplomat, due to serious threats against journalists living in the UK.” (text 146)	10
3.2 cultural diplomacy	Actions taken on cultural diplomacy, including for example academic and language exchange	“Traditionally, there has been a lively exchange between Germany and Iran in the cultural and academic spheres, but it is currently under great strain and in decline due to the changed political situation” (text 66)	2
3.3 direct diplomacy	Direct engagement	“UK, French and German political directors met their Iranian counterpart in New York on 19	7

	with Iran/Afghanistan	September to discuss the nuclear issue and other areas of mutual interest" (text 90)	
4 civil society	Interaction with, support and protection of Iranian/Afghan civil society	"And this first sanctions package as a reaction to the suppression of women is only going to be the start of providing the people with effective assistance" (text 8) We have therefore launched a call for human rights projects with the Iranian exile community in countries neighbouring Iran" (text 13)	4
4.1 support to civil society	Financial and symbolic support to Iranian/Afghan civil society	"We have therefore launched a call for human rights projects with the Iranian exile community in countries neighbouring Iran" (text 13)	5
4.2 protection of protesters	Protection measures like refuge for Iranian/Afghan civil society, protesters, and journalists	"We have expanded our programme allowing Human Rights Defenders to take shelter in Germany for temporary stays" (text 219)	5
4.3 advocacy detained protesters	Advocacy for Iranian/Afghan protesters who were detained, and/or are facing death sentences	"We call on Iran … to release unfairly detained protesters" (text 95)	16
4.4 journalism	Advocacy for, protection of and support of journalists, criticism of restrictions to	"Members of the FFM can you confirm your report will cover the important issue of the targeting and persecution of journalists, their sources, and families, for	21

	media and internet freedom	their reporting on the protests?" (text 176)	
4.5 foreign/dual nationals	Advocacy for foreign and dual nationals who were detained and/or sentenced to death	"I am appalled at news the Iranian regime executed Swedish-Iranian dual national Habib Chaab" (text 165)	17
4.6 death penalty	Statements in opposition of the death penalty	"This weekend, we received reports that the regime has issued a first death sentence against a person who took part in the protests after the death of Mahsa Amini, who simply wished to live in freedom like many others. And the regime is threatening many more protestors with the death penalty" (text 18)	25
5 diplomatic rhetoric	Diplomatic rhetoric in multilateral speeches and national statements		0
5.1 solidarity with protest	Expressions of solidarity with the protests, for example "we stand with"/"we stand behind" "we support" is not coded with 5.1	"The UK stands with the people of Iran as they demand fundamental freedoms" (text 114)	21
5.2 directed at regime	Expressions of concern over, demands on,	"We urge Iran to respect the right to peaceful protest, to lift internet restrictions, and to release those unfairly detained" (text 114)	55

	and condemnations of issues around gender equality and the protests, directed at Iran/Afghanistan		
5.3 international law	Arguments based on international law	“Iran has signed the Charter of the United Nations and has ratified the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. It must live up to these commitments” (text 59)	6
5.4 concrete examples/numbers	Usage of numbers, examples, and storytelling elements to illustrate statements	“Their names are Mahsa. Nika. Mohammad. Omid. Minoo. At least 30 of them are children, and they are stronger than any injustice or violence” (text 16)	15
6 portrayal of women	How are women, girls and marginalized groups portrayed in the data?		0
6.1 victimization	Women, girls and marginalized groups are described in their suffering and oppression, for mentions of women who were killed	“We see and hear horrendous examples on a daily basis: women are being abducted on the street, beaten up, tortured, 15-year-old girls taken from their homes” (text 8)	55
6.1.1 family motive	Women are described in family terms, for	“And that this Council stands firmly behind the girls, women,	4

	example as mothers	mothers and daughters of Iran" (text 120)	
6.2 agency	Women, girls and marginalized groups are depicted as political agents, for example by amplifying their voices instead of speaking for them	"The call "Jin, Jiyan, Azadî" is still resounding around the globe and has come to symbolise the courage of the women in Iran who refuse to be intimidated" (text 64)	20
6.2.1 courage	women, girls and marginalized groups are described as brave, courageous, fearless	"… I commend the bravery of Iranian women as they continue to fight for fundamental freedoms" (text 190)	20
6.2.2 women central role in protest?			0
6.2.2.1 yes	Women's central role in the protests is acknowledged	"During the last few weeks, we have seen women and girls protesting on the streets of many Afghan cities" (text 222)	18
6.2.2.2 no	Women's central role in the protests is not acknowledged	"The Foreign Ministers will also engage with other current issues, in particular the EU's response to the brutal suppression of the protests in Iran" (text 10)	40
7 intersectionality	The statement acknowledges the unique forms of oppression that result from	"Mohammad Rakhshani and Omid Sarani from Sistan and Baluchistan were just 12 and 13 respectively – children. Minoo	6

	interecting identities. Also includes references to the discrimination of marginalized groups other than women	Majidi was 62 and Kurdish" (text 16)	
7.1 minority rights	References to minority rights	"The systematic discrimination, harassment, and targeting of members of minority communities in Iran, such as those of the Baha'i faith" (text 96)	13
8 transformation	Statements that demonstrate an understanding of the underlying power relations and systems of oppression leading to gender inequalities, for example by concentrating on the systemic oppression of women	"… we have witnessed the reprehensible detention and death of a young woman, Mahsa Amini, as a direct result of the systemic repression of women and girls in Iran" (text 105)	5
8.1 goal	Statements that refer to the goals of protesters	"Only because these women, men and children want to enjoy the rights we all want to enjoy: to live in dignity and without discrimination" (text 22)	31
8.2 hijab	Segment references the hijab laws in Iran	"Through the new Hijab and Chastity Bill, the authorities seek to police what women wear and how they behave" (text 193)	14
9 security & other interests	Any interests other than pertaining to		0

	gender equality and the protests		
9.1 security interests	Expressions of traditional security concerns	"… as strategic partners, we must address together the dangers posed by Iran …" (text 145)	6
9.1.1 terrorism	Terrorism is named as a security threat posed because of the situation in Afghanistan	"The attacks at the airport in Kabul show us how great the danger of a resurgence of international terrorism is" (text 209)	8
9.1.2 PS752	Statement addressed Iran shooting down the PS752 flight	"Accordingly, representatives from the 4 members of the Coordination Group met with Iranian officials this week to discuss the Islamic Republic of Iran's state responsibility for the downing of Flight PS752" (194)	7
9.1.3 nuclear proliferation	Any statements made, actions taken and concerns voiced regarding Iran's nuclear program	"UK, France and Germany (E3) to transfer UN sanctions on Iran into domestic regimes and maintain existing EU/UK sanctions beyond October deadline included in nuclear deal" (text 189)	60
9.1.4 drones supply to Russia	Text mentions Iran's supplying UAVs to Russia	"Iran has transferred hundreds of UAVs to Russia. This is a deeply concerning violation of UNSCR 2231" (text 27)	44
9.1.5 regional stability	Concern over the threat to regional stability posed by Iran/Afghanistan	"A special focus is on regional stability and developing a consistent approach in dealings with the Taliban" (text 210)	53
9.2 other interests			0

9.2.1 evacuations	Text mentions evacuations of German nationals and Afghans from Afghanistan	“And we are working hard to assist our citizens and Afghans for whom we have special responsibility in leaving the country” (text 223)	24
9.2.2 humanitarian aid	Text mentions humanitarian aid to Afghanistan	“… Germany is significantly stepping up its humanitarian assistance for Afghanistan and its neighbouring countries” (text 219)	22
9.2.3 responsibility	Text mentioned the international responsibility for the Taliban takeover	“At the same time, however, our failure in Afghanistan is obvious” (text 236)	8
9.2.4 political leadership	Demands for Taliban to establish an inclusive government	“… they must establish an inclusive government that protects human rights” (text 223)	4