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Following the appointment of Esfandiyar Rahim Masha'i as First Vice President, the Supreme Leader issued a letter to the President ordering his dismissal.

The full text of this letter is as follows:

In His exalted name.

Mr. Dr. Ahmadinejad

Esteemed President of Iran

With greetings and good wishes.

The appointment of Mr. Esfandiyar Rahim Masha'i to the post of First Vice President is not in the interest of Your Excellency and the government and will cause differences and difficulties among your devotees. It is therefore necessary that the aforementioned appointment be declared null and void.

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