In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and in response to its letter of 24 June 2016 (Ref: UA IRN 19/2016), has the honor to, herewith, submit an unofficial translation of reply received from the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning the case of Ms. Homa Hoodfar.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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With regard to letter No IRN 19/2016 Dated 24 June 2016, concerning Ms. Homa Hoodfar, the following information has been provided by the "High Council for Human Rights of the Judiciary of the I.R. of Iran":

**Ms. Homa Hoodfar**, an Iranian resident professor in Canada, was summoned after obtaining well-founded evidence proving that she acted against national security. After initial investigations, first she was released on bail, then following further legal investigations, more evidence has been founded on her charges which convinced the prosecutor to issue an arrest warrant again. Judicial authorities have made maximum compassion to her because of her age and illness, and agreed to alter the arrest warrant to bail. Since she did not provide the bail, she is still in detention.

- She benefits from proper health and medical facilities and is under doctor’s visit 3 times a day to observe all necessary precautions for her illness (Myasthenia Gravis) and uses drugs special to Autoimmune Neurological Disease and blood pressure (called Asneostigmine and Pyridostigmine) regularly.

- Obviously, given the importance of her charges, investigation is carefully ongoing in the court. Subsequently, after the end of investigation, indictment will be presented by inserting subjects of charges.

- During her release on bail, she had access to her families, as well as legal advice. Regarding the claim of her lack of access to a lawyer, it should be noted that according to amended Note of Article 48 of the Criminal Procedure Code, there is opportunity to access a lawyer for accused of security offenses, and will be applied in case of request according to conditions laid down in the law. Other allegations regarding her are refuted.