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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 the Office's letter of 14 May 2012 (ref. AL G/SO 218/2 G/SO 214 (56-23) IRAN (2011-16) Minorities (2005-4) G/SO 214 (53-24) IRN 10/2012) concerning the case of Ms. Mahsa Mehreghani; has the honor to herewith submit an unofficial translation of communication received from the Islamic Republic of Iran's Human Rights Council.

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 regards to Ms. Mahsa Mehreghani (father's name Farhad), the High Council for Human Rights has approached all pertinent judicial authorities and courts.

According to information received from Yazd province's department of justice, Ms. Mehreghani was charged with membership and organizational activity in the banned Bahai organization, with the aim of disrupting national security. As such she was brought before branch 1 of Yazd Court of Revolution. After hearing Ms. Mehreghani's defense and the completion of all relevant legal procedures, by virtue of article 500 of the Islamic Penal Code, on 23 may 2012 and through verdict number 9109970302900198, the court found Ms. Mehreghani guilty and sentenced her to a six month prison term wholly suspended for five years.

The court's initial verdict is open to appeal in Yazd appellate courts. It is also worth mentioning that the above verdict is not related to Ms. Mehreghani's beliefs.