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The Permanent Mission the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and in response to recent expressions of concern about the situation of Ms. Nasrin Sotoudeh, has the honor to once again state that Ms. Sotoudeh was charged with:

- Acting against State security through collusion and collaboration with foreign and hostile organizations and the instrumental use of her profession as an attorney, to help the agenda of domestic and foreign elements and centers.
- Campaigning against the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- Membership in an illegal organization.

After hearing her defense and completion of the relevant legal protocols, the defendant was sentenced by the court to eleven years of *Ta'ziri* imprisonment. Ms. Sotoudeh was also banned from practicing law for twenty years and leaving the country. The condemned later appealed her sentence. As a result the appeals court reduced her prison sentence by five years and her prohibition by ten years.

It must be pointed out that as far as judicial authorities are concerned, Ms. Nasrin Sotoudeh is a criminal who has been provided with all of her legal rights – including the right to have access to a defense lawyer – and similar to any other ordinary convict, is serving her sentence. Also, Ms. Sotoudeh has had numerous visits from her family. Most recently she was visited by her family on 22 October 2012 and 6 November 2012. On 19 November 2012 she was transferred to the general population wing. Ms. Sotoudeh is reported to be in satisfactory physical condition.

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

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