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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 United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and with reference to the note: UA IRN 12/2014 dated 15 July 2014, has the honor to submit, herewith, the response of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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 United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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The following information has been provided by the "High Council for Human Rights of the Judiciary of the I.R. of Iran":

1- Mr. Shahrokh Zamani: according to the information provided by the Department of Justice of Eastern Azerbayjan province, Mr. Zamani was arrested and prosecuted by the General and Criminal Court of Tabriz on charges of establishing of illegal violent extremist groups and spreading propaganda against the State. After exhausting legal proceeding, and hearing the defenses of defendant and his lawyer Mr. Poorfaridi, the court convicted Mr. Zamani to 11 year imprisonment. The issued verdict has been upheld by the Appeal Court.

It should be noted that Mr. Zamani is not in the Ghesel Hessar prison and is serving his sentence in the prison of Rajaishahr and benefits all prison facilities. He has been visited several times by the prison physician and his medical condition is good.

- 2- Mr. Mohammad Jarrahi: according to the information provided by the Department of Justice of Eastern Azerbayjan province, Mr. Mohammad Jarrahi has been prosecuted by the General and Criminal Court of Tabriz on charges of:
- participating in the establishment of illegal groups with extremist trends.
- participating in assembly and collusion with the purpose of acting against national security
- Spreading propaganda and ethnic hatred.

After exhausting due process and hearing the defenses of defendant and his lawyer Mr. Ramin Mohammadkhani, the court convicted Mr. Jarrahi to 5 years imprisonment.

The issued verdict was appealed by the defendant and his lawyer. The Appeal Court, after reconsidering the case, reaffirmed the verdict.

On his health state, it should be noted that he has been constantly under medical supervision. In addition to the medical cares in the prison, he has also been sent to city hospitals on several occasions and undergone a successful thyroid surgery last February. He has no physical health problem right now and his general condition is good.

3- Mr. Reza Shahabi Zakaria: according to the information provided by the Department of Justice of Tehran, Mr. Reza Shahabi was prosecuted by General and Criminal Court of Tehran on charges of assembly and collusion with the purpose of acting against national security through links with the MKO terrorist group and conducting propaganda against the state. After exhausting due process and hearing the defenses of defendant and his lawyer Mr. Shafiei, the court sentenced him to five years' imprisonment for the first charge and to one more year in prison for the second one. As for the sum of 70,000,000 Rls received from the abovementioned terrorist group, he was sentenced to refund the amount illegally collected and confiscation of the same in favor of the government.

The issued verdict was appealed by the defendant and his lawyer but the Appeal Court, after reconsidering the case, rejected the appeal and reaffirmed the verdict.

It should be notified that Mr. Shahabi is currently on leave pursuant to the article 291 of the criminal procedure law.

- 4- Mr. Mohammad Molanaei: according to the information received from the Department of Justice of Western Azerbayjan province, Mr. Molanaei has been prosecuted on charges of:
- Membership in the Komola terrorist group

- Assembly and collusion with the purpose of acting against national security

After exhausting due process and hearing the defenses of defendant and his lawyer Mr. Abbass Jamali, the court sentenced him to two years imprisonment.

The issued verdict, appealed by the defendant and his lawyer, was reconsidered by the Appeal Court and was reduced to one year.

It should be noted that Mr. Molanaei has been five times on leave and due to his aging, he has been constantly under medical treatment.

As soon as receiving new details about the other three persons, the information will be provided to the office.

Finally it should be noted that the allegations such as acts of reprisals, judicial harassment, arbitrary detention, ill-treatment and denial and inadequate provision of medical care, listed in the communication number IRN 12/2014 about these 7 persons, are not founded and have been denied by the Iranian judicial officials.