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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 with reference to: IRAN 13/2011 dated 11 October 2011, has the honor to submit herewith the replies of our government with regards to 1- Ms. Fereshteh Shirazi (father's name Hassan) and 2- Mr. Abdolfatah Soltani (father's name Mohammad) s cases.

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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With regards to Mr. Abdolfatah Soltani (father's name Mohammad) the High Council for Human Rights -- affiliated to the judiciary of the Islamic Republic of Iran -- has approached all pertinent judicial authorities and courts.

According to information received from Tehran's department of justice, Mr. Soltani was charged with:

1. Participation in the foundation and management of the center for human rights defenders.
2. Endangerment of national security through unlawful association and conspiracy with the intention to disturb public security.
3. Propaganda against the sacred system of the Islamic Republic of Iran.
4. Obtaining illicit wealth.

As such, he was brought before branch 26 of Tehran's court of revolution. After hearing Mr. Soltani's defense and that of his attorneys -- Messrs. Hadi Esmailzadeh, Ali Najafi Tavana, Arash Keykhosro, Foad Yosefee, Mahmood Behzade, Bahman Keshavaz, Seyed Mahmood Alizadeh Taatabayee and Mss. Shema Ghoshe, Najma Rahmancee, Farideh Gheirat, and Sorror Shahareat -- and the completion of all relevant legal procedures, by virtue of articles 498, 500 and 610 of the Islamic Penal Code (IPC), as well as article 2 of the embezzlement, bribery and graft act, the court found Mr. Soltani guilty -- through its verdict number 619/90 dated 8 January 2012 -- and sentenced him to ten years of *Taziri* imprisonment -- with time already served deducted -- for the establishment and management of an association that endangered national security. In addition, the condemned was sentenced to one year imprisonment for Propaganda against the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Mr. Soltani was also sentenced to five years imprisonment for unlawful association and conspiracy with the intention to disturb public security, as well as two years of additional imprisonment for obtaining illicit wealth.

The court further concluded that Mr. Soltani had misused his position as an attorney to engage in the above crimes. Thus, in accordance with article 19 of the IPC, Mr. Soltani was barred from practicing law for 20 years after his release from prison. The court also decided that Mr. Soltani's continued presence in the city of Tehran would be corruptive and as such he would be transferred to a prison in the city of Borazjan (Boshehr province).

The court's initial verdict is open to appeal in Tehran appellate courts.

It is worth noting that Mr. Soltani's attorneys were given access to their client. The attorneys and Mr. Soltani have, in the courthouse, studied the dossier for 75 and 20 hours respectively. Also Mrs. Soltani was granted visitation rights to her husband, in the courthouse, every day.

With regards to Ms. Fereshteh Shirazi (father's name Hassan) the High Council for Human Rights -- affiliated to the judiciary of the Islamic Republic of Iran -- has approached all pertinent judicial authorities and courts.

According to information received from Mazandaran province's department of justice, Ms. Shirazi was charged with disseminating propaganda and falsely alarming the public by insulting and making false allegations about the system's high ranking officials. As such she was brought before branch 104 of the city of Amol's criminal court. After hearing her defense and that of her attorney and the completion of all relevant legal procedures, the court found Ms. Shirazi guilty -- through its verdict number 9009971211400 dated 1 October 2011 -- and sentenced her to two years of *Taziri* imprisonment. In addition, the condemned was barred from exiting the country for a period of five years.

The court's initial verdict was appealed by the condemned. As a result branch 10 of Mazandaran's court of appeals reexamined the verdict. However, through its verdict No. 9009971516300907 dated 28 November 2011, the appellate court rejected Ms. Shirazi's appeal.