In the name of God

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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 note: IRAN 15/2011 dated 21 October 2011, has the honor to submit herewith the replies of our government with regards to the claim of existence of secret prisons in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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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1. The Islamic Republic of Iran itself is a major victim of terrorism. This scourge has claimed thousands of victims from all walks of Iranian life. In dealing with this phenomenon, the Islamic Republic of Iran has conducted itself within the confines of international conventions and relevant laws and believes that waging a war on terrorism does not justify the flouting of regulations. On this basis, the Islamic Republic of Iran, as a tactic, does not employ secret prisons.

2. No such prisons exist in the Islamic Republic of Iran and no individual has ever been arrested secretly. Throughout different stages of investigation, questioning and trial, individuals are provided with all of their rights; including the right to be informed of the charge(s) filled against them, the right to an attorney, the right to contact their family after arrest and visitation rights. Therefore secret arrests — or arrest wherein legal protocols are ignored — are nonexistent in the Islamic Republic of Iran. In this context any official who chooses to violate such laws and regulations — whether in his capacity as a judge or those tasked with carrying out sentencing — can be prosecuted by judicial disciplinary courts.

3. According to article 22 of the prisons, anti-recidivism and rehabilitation organization bylaws “the establishment, construction and administration of prisons is exclusive to the Organization and other organs are prohibited from creating penitentiaries”. The same rule applies to both security and regular prisons. On this basis, there are no secret or unofficial detention centers in Iran.
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With regards to the arrest of a number of Bahais in the city of Shiraz, 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 the province of Fars’ office of the prosecutor general, Messrs. Nima Dehghan Manshadi, Sum Jaberí, Payam Taseleme, Sina Sarekhane, Rasheed Yazdani, Fareed Emadee, Iman Rahmat Panah, Homan Zarei Kadoie, Mohammad Sadegh Nooriyan, Kavoos Sameme, Kambiz Habibi, and Mss. Mojdeh Falah, Mojghan Emadi, Yekta Fahandaj Sahadi and Samira Mombazeyan were arrested in February and January of 2012 and charged with organization, operation and membership in groups that intended to disturb national security. As such, and after the completion of preliminary investigations, they were brought before shiraz’ general and revolution Courts. Sometime later all defendants — with the exception of Messrs. Nima Dehghan Manshadi, Fareed Emadee, Homan Zarei Kadoie, and Mohammad Sadegh Nooriyan — were released on bail.