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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 OHCHR’s letter of 19 October 2011 (ref. UA G/SO 218/2 G/SO 217/1 G/SO 214 (67-17) assembly and association (2010-1) G/SO 214 (107-9) G/SO 214 (3-3-16) Iran (2011-16) G/SO 214 (89-15) IRN 14/2011, has the honor to herewith submit an unofficial translation of communication received from the Islamic Republic of Iran’s High Council for Human Rights, concerning Mr. Ahmad Ghabol.

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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According to information received from the prosecutor's office of Khorasan Razavi province, Mr. Ahmad Ghabel was charged with conspiring against national security by engaging in propaganda against the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran, insulting the late Imam and the eminent Leader of the Revolution, circulating falsehoods to adversely affect public opinion and the use of satellite TV equipment. After hearing Mr. Ghabel's defense, the court sentenced the accused to a 1,000,000 Rials pecuniary fine for using satellite TV equipment, one year imprisonment for propaganda against the state and an additional two year prison term for insulting the late Imam and the eminent Leader of the Revolution. However, in difference to Mr. Ghabel's advanced age, 16 months of his original prison sentence was converted into an additional 40,000,000 Rials pecuniary fine. Mr. Ghabel appealed his verdict. Later the provincial appellate court reconsidered the sentence and while upholding the initial verdict decided to quash parts of the original sentence. It is worth noting that the execution of Mr. Ghabel's sentence has been halted due to his advanced age.