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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 communications number UA IRN 4/2016 dated 18 February 2016, has the honor to submit, herewith, the reply of I.R. Iran with regard to Messrs. Mehdi Rajabian, Hossein Rajabian and Yousef Emadi cases.

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":

**Messrs. Mehdi Rajabian, Hossein Rajabian and Yousef Emadi**, have been arrested and prosecuted before the Tehran Court on charges of:

- 1- Insulting of Islamic sanctities.
- 2- Making propaganda against the State.
- 3- Conducting illegal activities in the audiovisual affaires including through producing prohibited audiovisual material and performing an illegal and underground music sites (Barg music) as well as publication of blasphemous songs of certain singers who had insulted Islamic sanctities, and propagation of Satanism and blasphemous materials.

After exhausting legal processes and hearing the defenses of the charged persons and their lawyer, they were sentenced to 5 years imprisonment for the first charge, one year in prison for the second and pecuniary punishment equal to 50 million Rials for the third charge.

The verdict was appealed by the defendants based on which Tehran province appeal court reconsidered the case and reaffirmed the verdict (based on Islamic Penal Code article 450). However, considering the age of the defendants and their clean report, the Court has suspended half of the 5 year imprisonment (reduced it to 2/5 year imprisonment) and converted the 6 month of the second sentence to 50 million Rials of money fine.