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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 communication number UA IRN 5/2016 dated 19 February 2016, has the honour to submit, herewith, the reply of I.R. 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.

Geneva, 26 May 2016



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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":

The 24 Baha'is mentioned in the communication have been arrested and prosecuted before the Gorgan city's court on charges of:

- 1- Membership in illegal associations which acted against national security in Golestan Province.
- 2- Conducting illegal propaganda in favor of Baha'i sect and against the State.
- 3- Covered cooperation with hostile foreign states including through facilitating promotion of sectarian and anti-Islamic goals and organizing courses in this regard inside the country.

After exhausting legal processes and hearing the defenses of the charged persons and their lawyers, and based on the Islamic Penal Code articles 498, 499, 500 and 508, Misses. Pouneh Sanaie and Sheyda Ghoddusi were sentenced to 11 years, Messrs. and Misses. Soudabeh Mehdinejad, Roufia Pakzadan, Bita Hedayati, Shiva Rowhani, Parisa Shahidi, Tina Mowhebati, Shohreh Samimi, Mona Amri, Mitra Nouri, Behnam Hassani, Mojdeh Zohouri, Navid Moallem, Parivash Shojaie were sentenced to 9 years and Farahnaz Tebyanian, Vesagh Sanaie, Houshmand Dehghan, Nazi Tahghighi, Hona Koushk-Baghi, Hona Aghighian, Shahnam Jazbani, Karmilia Bidelian, Maryam Dehghan were sentenced to 6 years imprisonment.

It should be notified that the first verdicts were appealed by defendants and their lawyers, therefore their cases has been sent to the Golestan Appeal Court and is to be reviewed on the second week of June.

By now, all of the aforementioned persons have been released on bail.