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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 AL IRN 4/2015 dated 12 May 2015 and UA IRN 20/2015 dated 29 October 2015, has the honor to submit herewith the replies of the I.R. Iran with regard to Mr. [REDACTED], Mr. Mehdi Mousavi and Ms. Fatemeh Ekhtesari 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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Mehdi Mousavi and Fatemeh Ekhtesari (7536)

Mr. Mehdi Mousavi was sentenced to 6 years in prison for insulting Islamic sanctities, three million rial fine for keeping instruments of gambling, and three years for possession of tear gas canisters. He protested against the ruling and his case was sent to appellate court. It should be noted that the verdict is preliminary and not finalized.

Ms. Fatemeh Ekhtesari was sentenced to seven years and six months in prison for insulting Islamic sanctities, one year for spreading propaganda against the State, and three years for posting obscene photos in virtual space. After filing an appeal, her case was sent to appellate court. Ruling in this case is preliminary and she is free on bail until final verdict. Considering the case is still pending and no final verdict has been issued.

Also, we have not received any corroborative information concerning the claims in this communication and all claims regard to the case are refuted.