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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 High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva and with reference to the note no: IRN/2014 dated 28 February 2014, has the honor to submit herewith the reply of I.R. Iran with regard to Ms. Razieh Mirdadi Baseri (a.k.a. Farzaneh Moradi) case.

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 in Geneva, the assurances of its highest considerations.



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Ms. Razieh Mirdadi Baseri (a.k.a. Farzaneh Moradi) was arrested on charge of the intentional murder of her husband by multiple knife stabbings. After the victim's immediate family (the owners of the blood) petitioned the court, a thorough criminal investigation was conducted which led to issuing an indictment and the case was referred to Isfahan province criminal court. Subsequently a panel of 5 judges heard the case and sentenced the defendant to Qesas (retribution).

The issued verdict was appealed by the condemned person and her lawyer. As the result, the Supreme Court, after reconsidering the case, reaffirmed the verdict. Following the insistence of the victim's immediate family (the owners of the blood) on implementation of the verdict, and the failure of the reconciliation efforts, the verdict was carried out.

It should be notified that when committing the crime, the sentenced person was 21 years of age and mentally mature. As such there were no ambiguities in the dossier. Additionally, in the eyes of Iranian law, (article 1062 of the civil code) marriage takes place when the couple clearly expresses their wish by using words that convey their intention to marry. With this in mind, forced marriages are not sanctioned by law. If an individual claims that she was forced into marriage, she has the possibility to petition the family court and ask for justice by requesting an annulment. In principle, claims of being forced into marriage were made to elicit sympathy and cannot distort the criterion of fair hearing and influence a homicide investigation.