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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 note: UA G/SO 218/2 G/SO 214 (67-17) G/SO 214 (56-23) G/SO 214 (3-3-16) Iran (2011-16) G/SO 214 (53-24) IRN 13/2013 dated 22 August 2013, has the honor to submit herewith the replies of I.R. Iran with regard to Mr. Mohammad Ali Taheri case.

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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According to the information provided by the Islamic Revolutionary Court, Mr. Mohammad Ali Taheri was tried by the branch 26 of the Islamic Revolutionary Court in Tehran on charges of:

- 1-Defamation of Islamic Sanctities
- 2-Illegal medical practices
- 3- Committing "haram" (sinful) acts which is considered as a crime against public prudency and morality in the Islamic Penal Code.
- 4-Production and distribution of illegal audiovisual works and activities
- 5-Illegal acquisition of properties
- 6-Illegal use of academic titles

Based on above- mentioned charges, the court sentenced him to five years imprisonment, and a fine of 9056000000 rials.

This verdict was issued after exhausting the legal process and hearing the defenses of Mr. Taheri and his lawyers (Mr. Ghanbari, Mr. Kazemi and Ms. Rasadi) and was appealed by the condemned person and his lawyers. After reconsidering the case, the Appeal Court, rejected the appeal and reaffirmed the verdict.

With regard to the allegation of the imminent execution of Mr. Mohammad Ali Taheri, it should be notified that neither the first verdict, nor the final one included death penalty and therefore the claim is totally refuted.