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 IRN 18/2014 dated 19 September 2014 with regard to Mr. Heshmatollah Tabarzadi case, has the honor to submit herewith the response of the Islamic Republic of 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.

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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":

"Mr. Heshmatollah Tabarzadi was arrested and prosecuted on charges of acting against national security through assembling and complicity, propagating against the State, insulting the high ranking officials and disrupting public order.

After exhausting due process and hearing the defenses of Mr. Tabarzadi and his lawyers (Messrs. Oliay Fard, Soltani Mahmudinejad and Mss. Sotudeh, Poorfazel and Najibi), he has been sentenced to nine years of imprisonment.

The issued verdict was appealed by the defendant and his lawyers. Hence Tehran province Appeal Court reviewed the case and reaffirmed the verdict except the charge of disrupting public order, as resulted of which the verdict reduced to 8 years imprisonment.

It should be noted that the convicted person has been involved in several cases in the past which have resulted in convictions such as imprisonment and deprivation of social activities; in two cases his imprisonment sentence changed to pecuniary punishment and in one case, his imprisonment sentence has been suspended. However, this person, despite the conviction to imprisonment and deprivation of social activities, and in spite of being granted Islamic clemency and probation, continued his activities against the national security and propagating against the State, based on which he provided grounds to be rearrested and convicted again.
It is worth mentioning that up to now, he has been granted leaves for eight times, totally amounted to 355 days. He also had regular visits with his family.

With regard to his health condition, it should be noted that he has full access to medical care and treatment and receives treatments for his diabetes and high blood pressure. He also has been dispatched to the hospital outside the prison and according to the latest medical tests and examinations, his health condition is under control.

Finally the claim of his lawyer on physical and verbal abuse against Mr. Tabarzadi and denial of medical care are refuted."