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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 12/2016 dated 17 May 2016, has the honour to submit, herewith, the reply of I.R. Iran with regard to Ms. Afarin Chitsaz, Mr. Ehsan Mazandarani, Mr. Saman Tars Safarzai and Mr. Issa Saharkhiz cases.

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 Islamic Republic of Iran":

1- *Ms. Afarin Chitsaz* has been prosecuted on charge of cooperation with hostile states and sentenced to 10 years of imprisonment. The Appellate Court in Tehran province reduces her sentence to 2 years on 6 September 2016 since she didn't have any criminal records. She has also been banned of any activity on the official media for two years. She visits and contacts her family on a weekly basis and has been granted leaves for two times. She asked for surgical operation on her knee; so she was introduced to the hospital she requested for.

2- *Mr. Ehsan Mazandarani* has been prosecuted on charges of assembly and collusion with purpose of acting against national security and propaganda against the State. He has been sentenced to 5 years of imprisonment for the first charge and one year for the second. The Appellate Court in Tehran province reduces his 5 years sentence to 2 years since he didn't have any criminal records. Through applying the article 134 of the Islamic Penal Code, the maximum punishment of two years of imprisonment is applicable. He visits his family on a weekly basis. In addition, according to the opinion by the Forensics Medicine, he does not suffer from heart disease and no definite factor was detected which would impede serving the sentence. This person has been dispatched two times to the hospital determined by him for being treated and has been on furlough for four days.

3- *Mr. Saman Tars Safarzai* has been prosecuted on charges of assembly and collusion with purpose of acting against national security and propaganda against the State. He has been sentenced to 5 years of imprisonment for the first charge and one year for the second. The Appellate Court in Tehran province reduces his 5 years sentence to 2 years

since he didn't have any criminal records. Through applying the article 134 of the Islamic Penal Code, the maximum punishment of two years of imprisonment is applicable. He visits and contacts his family on a weekly basis and has no illness.

4- Mr. *Issa Saharkhiz* has been prosecuted on charges of assembly and collusion with purpose of acting against national security, insulting high Officials and propaganda against the State. He has been sentenced to 2 years of imprisonment for the second charge and one year for the third. He was exonerated from the charge of assembly and collusion. He didn't request the appeal and asked for commutation of his sentence. The court commuted one forth of his 2 years imprisonment (reduced it to one year and half). Through applying the article 134 of the Islamic Penal Code, the maximum punishment of one year and half imprisonment is applicable. He visits his family on a weekly basis.

With regard to his health situation, it worth mentioning he was introduced to the hospital he requested for, however the Forensics Medicine didn't detect any definite factor which would impede serving the sentence.