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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 27/2016 dated 12 October 2016, has the honor to submit herewith the reply of the I.R. Iran with regard to Ms. Zeinab Sekaanvand Locran 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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The following information has been provided by the "High Council for Human Rights of the Judiciary of the I.R. Iran":

Based on the announcement by the Department of Justice of West Azerbaijan Province, **Ms. Zeinab sekaanvand Locran** has been prosecuted by the Criminal Court of this Province on charge of intentional murder / deliberately murdering her husband, named Hussein Sarmadi.

After hearing the defences of the accused and her lawyer and based on articles 211, 290 and 381 of the Islamic Penal Code, she was sentenced to Qisas (retribution in kind). The issued verdict has been confirmed by the Supreme Court.

Based on the existing information and contents of the file:

1- The convicted person was born on 22nd June 1994 and was seventeen years and eight months and four days old at the time of murder; i.e. on 24th February 2012.

2- Ms. Sekaanvand had married the murdered willingly; such that she has said in her statements: "... it was about two years since I had eloped with him and for this reason I had no connection with my father's family ...".

3- Murder was perpetrated with malice aforethought, such that the murderer has said in her statements: "... I had decided to commit murder since a long time ago ..., I cut his throat thrice with the knife that I had recently bought and had not used before...".

4- Ms. Sekaanvand's issue has been referred to the Forensic Medicine commission before, and based on this commission's idea, she has been recognized responsible for her acts. Since murdering an honourable soul has been perpetrated directly by the convicted in a disastrous way, while

she has been aware of its evil consequences and was aware of its prohibition, and could completely understand the prohibition of the act of murder, and since there is no reason to prove that she has not had a mature intellect when committing the crime, hence, the claim that "the Forensic Medicine does not believe her mental growth and maturity" is baseless.

5- Not only has the convict, in her explicit confessions which are associated with the reality, in the initial stages of investigation, acknowledged that her husband's brother has had no intervention in the occurrence of murder, but also the conditions and situations surrounding the issue, ideas of the Forensic Medicine experts, results of normal examinations and tests and other reasons, all indicate the commission of murder by Ms. Sekaanvand; therefore, the claim stating that no research has been done about the allegation by the accused regarding her husband's brother is baseless.