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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 communications number G/SO 217/1/Iran dated 16 November 2016 and UA IRN 32/2016 dated 29 November 2016, has the honour to submit herewith the reply of the I.R. Iran with regard to Mr. Mohammad Ali Taheri's 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 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":

According to the existing records, Mr. Mohammad Ali Taheri was tried in the Tehran Court branch 26 and received sentences as follow:

1- Illegal engagement in medical profession, as result of which the permit for Erfan Keihani Cultural Institute activities was cancelled and he was find to payment of 5 million Tomans in cash.

2- Perpetration and demonstration of "Haram act" (act against canon law/ acts which is considered as a crime against public prudency and morality in the Islamic law), for which Article 638 of the Islamic Penal Code has anticipated 74 slashes.

3- Insult against Islamic Sanctities; resulting in 5 years' imprisonment in accordance with Article 638 of the Islamic Penal Code.

4-Production and distribution of illegal audiovisual items and illegal activities, subject of Article 2 of the relevant law. He was fined to payment of ten million Tomans in cash.

5- Acquisition of properties through Illegal means. He was fined to payment of 890 million Tomans in cash.

6- Abuse of academic titles. Based on Article 556 of the Islamic Penal Code, he was fined to payment of 600 thousands Tomans in cash.

This verdict was issued after exhausting the legal process and hearing the defenses o f Mr. Taheri and his lawyers. The verdict was also appealed by the condemned person and his lawyers. On re-examining the case, the Appeal Court of Tehran Province, rejected the appeal and reaffirmed the verdict.

As it was mentioned above, Mr. Taheri abused his permit of establishing a cultural center for perpetrating acts in breach of the existing

law and regulations. He has completed his term of sentence, but on the ground of his another case on the charge of "corruption on the Earth (Ifsad fel Arz)", he is Evin prison on the temporary detention warrant.

In this regard, the initial court had convicted him to the severest sentence, but the Supreme Court did not reinstate the judgment and referred the case to a parallel court.

Mr. Taheri has received regular visits from his relatives and defense lawyer. He is in good health having access to medical care and medicine, similar to any other prisoner.
