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de la République Islamique d'Iran
À l'attention des Nations Unies
et des autres Organisations Internationales à Genève

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 15/2017 dated 19 April 2017, has the honor to submit herewith the reply of the I.R. of Iran with regard to Mr. Ali Rahzani and Mr. Houshang Kavoussi's 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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Geneva, 4 August 2017

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Situation of Mr. Ali Rahzani and Mr. Houshang Kavoussi

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 latest information provided by the General Justice Department of Markazi Province, Mr. Ali Rahzani was charged with 1. Seventeen cases of theft, punishable by Hadd (retribution in kind), 2. One case of commencing a theft, 3. Provision and making of keys for the purpose of theft in 2015-16. Upon exhaustion of legal proceeding and the legal protocols as well as hearing the defense carried out by Mr. Rahzani's lawyer, Mr. Ali Ghaflari Ashtiyani, he was convicted on 16 October, 2016, on the basis of the Islamic Penal Code, to amputation of four fingers of his right hand, two and a half years of imprisonment, including the days of his detention, 75 lashes and returning of stolen properties to 17 plaintiffs. The decision was not objected by the convict or his lawyer. Thus, the file was presented to Branch 5 of implementation Dept. of Arak city Prosecutor's Office.

As for the case of Mr. Houshang Kavoussi, who has had several criminal records, was charged with 1. Accomplice in thefts, punishable by Hadd (retribution in kind), 2. Forging of official documents, 3. Using forged documents, 4. Intentional destruction of property, 5. Establishment of illegitimate relation and action against chastity (non-adultry). Upon exhaustion of legal proceeding and the legal protocols as well as hearing the defense he was convicted on 16 October, 2016, on the basis of the Islamic Penal Code, to amputation of four fingers of his right hand, returning of stolen properties to plaintiffs; and as for forging and using documents, he was sentenced to two years of imprisonment and as for
intentional destruction of property, to one year of Taziri imprisonment. He was also sentenced to 99 lashes for his illegitimate relations. The verdict was appealed and the provincial Court of Appeal reinstated the decision.

It should be mentioned that both of the convicts had had long records of theft and similar criminal acts and each time they were arrested and met the legal consequences; but they still continued their illegal acts after release from prison.

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