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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 dated 19 October 2018, has the honor to transmit herewith the response of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the latest status of Mr. Arash Sadeghi.

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.
The latest status of Mr. Arsh Sadeghi

According to the statement of Tehran’s Justice Department issued on July 12, 2013, Mr. Arsh Sadeghi was sentenced to seven years and six months of imprisonment on charges of 1. Forming gatherings and conspiracy to act against the national security, 2. Launching propaganda against the Islamic Republic of Iran, 3. Blasphemy, 4. Launching a misinformation campaign in the virtual environment. This sentence was issued in line with Section 134 of the Islamic Punishment Code passed in 2013. His sentence which came into effect on June 7, 2016 is schedule to finish on April 21, 2023. Regarding his general health, doctors have diagnosed him with chondrosarcoma. However, this diagnosis has not been conclusive. Arrangements were made for his frequent dispatches to super specialist cancer centres and since then he has been regularly visited and supervised by oncologists. Based on the available records, in addition to easy access to the prison infirmary, he has been dispatched 12 times to medical centres out of the prison for further treatment. To come to a conclusive diagnosis of his affliction with cancer, the Medical Examiner Council has issued the relevant examination permission. Upon the request of treating doctors, he is regularly sent to medical centres out of the prison. As regards his access to the prison facilities, it is noted that he has round-the-clock phone access to his wife. His personal and phone visits with his wife as well as his meetings with his attorney come to 68 times. Since his wife (Mrs. Golrokh Ebrahimi) is passing her sentence in Evin Detection Center, their meetings have taken place through sending Mr. Sadeghi to that prison.