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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 latter's communication dated 21 August 2019, has the honor to transmit, herewith, the comments of the Judiciary of the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding Mr. **Mohammad Rasoolof**.

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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**Letter of Response by the
Judiciary High Council for Human Rights
Of The Islamic Republic of Iran**

Regarding the "Joint Correspondence of Human Rights Council Mandate-holders on Mr. Mohammad Rasoolof", the points raised by these mandate-holders were addressed by relevant authorities in Tehran Justice Department and received the following answers:

By virtue of Articles 23 and 500 of the Islamic Penal Code and Article 374 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, Mr. Mohammad Rasoolof was sentenced to two years of imprisonment (Taziri) on the charge of launching a vicious propaganda against the Islamic Republic of Iran. As supplementary punishment, he was charged with a two-year ban on exiting the country and in joining political parties, entities and outfits.

It is noted that the sentence was issued only after explaining the charges, completing the due legal process, hearing the defense statements of the charged individual and his attorney at law and full consideration of all evidence and proofs. This sentence has been heavily accompanied by "Islamic affection". Since the case is currently ongoing in Courts of Appeals and is yet to be finalized, raising the issue by the Rapporteurs is not in line with international law principles and

could be considered as an interference in judicial independence and by extension the domestic affairs of the country.