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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 No. UA IRN 9/2020 dated 22 May 2020, has the honor to transmit, herewith, the comments of the Judiciary of the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding **Mr. Mohammad Nourizad**.

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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**Comment by the  
High Council for Human Rights  
Of the Islamic Republic of Iran  
Regarding Mr. Mohammad Nourizad**

Pursuant to judgment issued by Branch 4 of Mashhad Court, Mr. Mohammad Nourizad received a sentence of seven years and six months of imprisonment for membership in an illegal group with the intention to disrupt national security, one year and six months of imprisonment for engaging in propaganda campaign against the State in favor of opposition groups, two counts of three-years imprisonment of obligatory residence in the city of Izeh and foreign travel ban for three years in completion of discretionary punishment. Furthermore, in execution of Article 134 of the amended edition of Islamic Penal Code, provided for in Article 12 of Law on Discretionary Imprisonment Commutation, enacted on 27 May 2020 and effective as of 01 July 2020, the case shall undergo alternative reconsideration.

Throughout proceedings, he benefitted from due process of law, enjoyed full physical and mental health and represented by attorneys – [REDACTED] – in all hearings. On 04 May 2020, pursuant to Para 3 of Article 513 of Code of Penal Procedure, the convict was moved from Vakil-Abad Prison in Mashhad to Evin Prison in Tehran in order to facilitate the family visits. Mr. Nourizad continues to enjoy full physical and mental health.

Upon the announcement dated 12 July 2020 from Khorasan Razavi Province Justice Administration, referring to the report from Mashhad Central Prison, he had not committed suicide in Mashhad Prison. On 30 April 2020, he had pretended to be the subject of flagellation by committing self-flagellation to which its documents and medical conclusion are available. Mr. Nourizad had not gone on hunger strike in prison and allegations to that effect are unsubstantiated.

Whilst imprisoned, he has had regular contacts with his family and relatives, for which the phone list is available. Furthermore, he has benefited from every legal rights inside prison and detention centre, receiving visits from family and relatives on two occasions. On 4 May 2020, he received visit from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and on 1 May 2020, he received visit from [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. It is worth mentioning again that based on a recently adopted law (Law on Commuting Discretionary Imprisonment, adopted on 27 May 2020), in application of Article 10 of the Islamic Penal Code, enacted in 2013, relevant procedures can be pursued.