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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 16/2020 dated 17 June 2020 has the honor to transmit, herewith, the comment of the Judiciary of the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding **Mr. Hedayat Abdollah Pour**.

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. Hedayat Abdollahpour

Upon the latest announcement by West Azerbaijan Province Justice Administration, Mr. Hedayat Abdollahpour was sentenced on charges of complicity in an armed operation launched by the terrorist group Kurdish Democratic Party of Iran, which left 4 border security officers dead and several others injured. He was involved in this operation through sheltering members of the said insurgent and terrorist group in his domicile, securing accommodations and supplying them with provisions, providing them with assistance for the purpose of conducting reconnaissance operation in the region, and membership in the said outlawed party as a main member as well as engaging in propaganda campaign against the State.

Apart from circumstantial and proving evidence - including but not limited to footage recovered from members of the said group that proves his membership therein - the defendant explicitly confessed, on multiple occasions of questioning and prosecution, to membership and involvement in the said terrorist group. Therefore, pursuant to Article 287 of Islamic Penal Code, the Urmia District Court sentenced the aforesaid to capital punishment. Upon the defendant's appeal, the case was referred to the Supreme Court which reassigned the case to a court of equal instance in Urmia. Asserting the application of Article 287 of Islamic Penal Code, the said court resentenced him to capital punishment. Upon the defendant's new appeal, the case was referred again to the Supreme Court; it upheld the sentence and rejected the appeal. The defendant's plea for amnesty and commutation of sentence was discussed in both West Azerbaijan Province and the Judiciary's central commissions for amnesty and forgiveness. The plea,

however, was turned down due to the defendant's failure to meet the required criteria; and, the sentence was finally executed on 11 May 2020.

Mr. Abdollahpour was prosecuted and received the sentence once the entire legal proceedings had been completed; his statements and those of his attorneys had been acquired over several stages of trial, and after the case had been referred to the said commissions with principles of due process taken into full consideration.

It is also hereby noted that two days prior to the execution of the sentence, the aforesaid was transferred to a solitary prison suite, not a solitary confinement cell. His family was informed of the proceeding after the execution of the sentence. Therefore, the allegations suggesting his forced disappearance are devoid of any standing.

The allegations of torture or sentencing the aforesaid for the mere reason of membership in the said terrorist group are also unsubstantiated. Furthermore, Mr. Abdollahpour, on over 80 occasions, met his [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and attorneys either in person or in intercom stations, and enjoyed all medical and treatment facilities on a regular basis during his prison term. The aforementioned was even granted [REDACTED]