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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 5/2020 dated 25 March 2020 concerning Messrs. **Anvar Khezri, Khosrow Besharat, Farhad Salami, Ayoub Karimi, Davoud Abdollahi, Kamran Sheikhi** and **Qassem Abesteh**, has the honor to transmit, herewith, the comments of the Judiciary of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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**

Upon announcement by Tehran Chief Prosecutor's Office, please be advised that:

1. The prisoner, Mr. **Anvar Khezri**, father's name [REDACTED] has been sentenced to death and two years in jail on charges of *moharaba* (waging war on God) and corruption on earth through membership of the terrorist al-Qaeda group and carrying teargas. The aforesaid is remanded in custody pending judgment on charges of complicity in theft along with harassment and cooperation in the murder of conscript [REDACTED] and complicity in the death of [REDACTED]. Bond has been set for the aforesaid; however, no final judgment has hitherto been issued on the final two charges.

2. The prisoner, Mr. **Farhad Salami**, father's name [REDACTED] has been sentenced to death on charges of *moharaba* (waging war on God) and corruption on earth through membership of the terrorist al-Qaeda group and complicity in murder. The abovenamed has been held in jail since 29 January 2010.

3. The prisoner, Mr. **Qassem Abesteh**, father's name [REDACTED] has been sentenced to death on charges of *moharaba* (waging war on God) and corruption on earth through membership of the terrorist al-Qaeda group. The aforesaid has been in custody pending final judgment for complicity in the murder of [REDACTED]. Bond has been set for the abovenamed; however, no final judgment has hitherto been issued thereon.

4. The prisoner, Mr. **Davoud Abdollahi**, father's name [REDACTED] has been sentenced to death on charges of membership of the terrorist al-Qaeda group and *moharaba* (waging war on God) and corruption on earth. The aforesaid has been also held in custody pending final judgment for complicity in the murder [REDACTED]. Bond has been set for the abovenamed; however, no final judgment has hitherto been issued thereon.

5. The prisoner, Mr. **Ayoub Karimi**, father's [REDACTED] has been sentenced to death on charges of membership of the terrorist al-Qaeda group and *moharaba* (waging war on God) and corruption on earth. The aforesaid has been also held in custody pending final judgment for accepting *res furtivae* and assisting a defendant in escaping trial and punishment, and also complicity in the murder [REDACTED]. Bond has been set for the abovenamed; however, no final judgment has hitherto been issued thereon.

6. The prisoner, Mr. **Kamran Sheikhi**, father's [REDACTED] has been sentenced to death and two years in prison on charges of *moharaba* (waging war on God) and corruption on earth through membership of the terrorist al-Qaeda group, participation in theft along with harassment and disobedience to duty officer. The aforesaid has been held in custody pending final judgment on charges of murder of conscript [REDACTED] and complicity in harassment. Bond has been set for the abovenamed; however, no final judgment has hitherto been issued thereon.

7. The prisoner, Mr. **Khosrow Besharat**, father's name [REDACTED] has been sentenced to death and two years in prison on charges of *moharaba* (waging war on God) and corruption on earth through membership of the terrorist al-Qaeda group, participation in theft along with harassment and disobedience to duty officer. The aforesaid has been held in custody on charges of complicity in theft along with harassment as well as complicity in the murder of conscript [REDACTED]. Bond has been set for the abovenamed; however, no final judgment has hitherto been issued thereon.

With all privileges thereto pertaining.