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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 5/2021 dated 29 January 2021, has the honor to transmit, herewith, the comments of the Judiciary of the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding **Mr. Javid Dehghan**.

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 Javid Dehqan

In response to letter received from the Special Procedures Mandate-Holders appertaining to Mr. **Javid Dehqan**, points for further clarifications are provided as hereunder:

Upon announcement by the Sistan & Baluchestan Province Justice Administration, the aforesaid, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] born in 1989, was arrested on 6 June 2015 on charges of *moharebeh* (taking arms to take lives or properties and to create fear in the public) after using unregistered firearms through show of power by causing fear amongst ordinary citizens and intimidation thereof, shooting at State officials and killing two Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps forces; and b) effective collaboration with and membership in anti-State terrorist groups, including but not limited to the Jaish al-Adl terrorist group and the Taliban, leading a raid to abduct five border security officers as the kingpin of Jaish al-Adl and Jaish al-Nasr terrorist groups, armed assault against a police station in the city of Iranshahr and inflicting financial damage and arson attack thereto, multiple illegal exits and entries to Pakistan and Afghanistan for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements in order to launch terrorist attacks in the Islamic Republic of Iran and plant roadside bombs with the aim of targeting State and security officials.

On the strength of Article 279 and 282 of the Islamic Penal Code, Branch 1 of Zahedan Court – after hearing the defenses of the aforesaid and his assigned lawyer – sentenced the abovenamed to death for *moharebeh* (taking arms to take

lives or property and to create fear in the public) and brandishing firearms. The said Court also sentenced the abovenamed to five years discretionary imprisonment, with previous detention period excluded.

Judgments pronounced against the abovenamed – following the appeal of the convict and his attorney – was reviewed by Branch 41 of the Supreme Court. The said Court rendered the verdicts to be in compliance with the formalities and principles of judicial procedure; and considering the explicit statements by the said defendant during investigation states, the issued verdict was ruled as not being divergent from Article 496 of the Criminal Procedure Act and ergo confirmed and upheld without modifications thereto.

Please be advised that the terrorist, illegal and inhumane acts perpetrated by the abovenamed to disturb public order and peace in Sistan & Baluchestan, including but not limited to destruction of State and security properties through arson attack, leading a raid to abduct five border security officers – all of whom had left no stones unturned to defend the country's border with tremendous courage – as a result of which their parents underwent unrelenting pressure over fears that the abductees might have been martyred, are a testament to his nefarious and absolutely callous behavior. Furthermore, taking into consideration the formalities and principles of judicial procedure, allegations to cast doubt on the convict's unhindered access to legal representation during court sessions and full observance of every single Islamic and humanitarian principles throughout the time of detention are ergo rendered null and void.

With all privileges thereto pertaining.