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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 Communications No. UA IRN 17/2021 dated 7 June 2021 concerning **Hossein Shabazi** and **Ali Arjangi** and No. UA IRN 20/2021 dated 21 July 2021 concerning **Hossein Shabazi**, has the honor to transmit, herewith, the comment of the Judiciary of the Islamic Republic of Iran in that regard.

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 Messrs. Hossein Shabazi and Ali Arjangi

The comments regarding Messrs. **Hossein Shabazi and Ali Arjangi** enumerated hereunder are provided for further clarification:

Please be advised that a) Encouraging the concerned parties to arrive at a compromise because the enforcement of such verdicts depends upon the owners of the blood as each member of the victim's immediate next-of-kin possesses a discrete right of retribution, and b) Exhausting all efforts to convince the victim's next-of-kin to spare the convict through providing financial assistance to facilitate the commutation of capital punishment to blood money compensation, all constitute the principled policy of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran towards such convicts.

Furthermore, pursuant to a notification received from the Judiciary, the capital punishment verdict pronounced against Ali Arjangi is rendered null and void as the consent of the owners of the blood has been obtained.

Moreover, a stay of execution has also been granted for verdicts pronounced against Hossein Shahbazi; reconciliation efforts are underway to obtain the consent of the owners of blood.