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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. AL IRN 16/2021 dated 10 June 2021 concerning **Nasrin Sotoudeh** and **Reza Khandan**, 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 Nasrin Sotoudeh and Reza Khandan

The comments regarding **Nasrin Sotoudeh** and **Reza Khandan** on allegations referred to in Communication dated 10 June 2021, are provided as hereunder:

Nasrin Sotoudeh has been pronounced guilty and ergo sentenced to ten years in prison for a) Assembly and collusion with the purpose of committing *actus reus* against national security, b) Launching a propaganda campaign against the State, c) Membership in illegal and anti-State groups, d) Inciting to corruption and prostitution, e) Disseminating falsehoods with the intent to disturb public opinion, and f) Disrupting public order. During her prison term, the abovenamed has enjoyed eight furloughs; and most recently, she has been granted another furlough for 20 days since 21 July 2021.

Allegations suggesting a) The transfer of the aforesaid to Qarchak prison with the intent to harass and restrict interaction thereof with family members, b) The presence of wild animals, such as snakes, on the ground, and c) The receiving of threats against Reza Khandan to execute verdict issued thereagainst, are unsubstantiated and therefore devoid of any standing. Please be advised that the judgment pronounced against Mr. Khandan has hitherto not been executed; it shall only come into effect at the consent and order of the relevant judicial authority.