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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 23/2021 dated 30 August 2021 concerning **Sajjad Sanjari**, has the honor to transmit, herewith, the comment of Judiciary 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 Mr. Sajjad Sanjari

With respect to communications received from the Special Procedures Mandate-Holders appertaining to **Sajjad Sanjari**, points enumerated hereunder are provided for further clarification:

This is to hereby announce that the verdict has been pronounced – at the presence of five presiding judges – following observance of all due process of law as well as confirmed evidences and documentation contained in the file, and after several retrials, including the retrial at Division 1 of Provincial Criminal Court and Division 3 of the Provincial Criminal Court which was referred to by the National Supreme Court. All Courts endorsed that the due process of law has been fully observed.

In response to the allegation in page 2 of the communication which said “However, in November 2015, Branch Three of the Provincial Criminal Court of Kermanshah Province sentenced him to death again. In this verdict, the court concluded that he had attained “maturity” at the time of the crime. The court did not refer Mr. Sanjari to the Legal Medicine Organization of Iran for an assessment and dismissed the opinion of an official court advisor with expertise in child psychology that Mr. Sanjari had not attained maturity at the time of the crime.” be advised that:

-The actus reus was committed on 2 August 2010. The coroners’ reviews and investigations which were carried out by the order of the Division 1 of the

Provincial Criminal Court, right after the crime, were more accurate and in conformity with the realities on the ground, comparing to the references by the Division 3 of the Provincial Criminal Court, 5 years after the occurrence of the crime and after tremendous physical and mental changes of the defendant.

-Moreover, Division 3 of Provincial Criminal Court has issued the verdict based on all documents and evidences including the evaluations of the Psychological Department of Farabi Medical and Educational Centre, Psychological Commission of the Kermanshah Province Coroner's Office, as well as the views of other Formal Judiciary Experts; Thus, dismissing the comments of one judiciary expert by the Court, responsible for issuing the verdict, shall not be considered as ignorance of experts' views, nor does it prove any flaws in the proceedings and legal processes.

There are also allegations in the communication, suggesting that the aforesaid has been executed in secret and incognito. Based upon evidences contained in the file, the Judge of the Branch and the Branch's Secretary informed the convict's attorney and himself of the court's decision and his Attorney was present in the Court, a week before that and at the time of the enforcement of Qisas.