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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 21/2021 dated 16 August 2021 concerning **Fallah Heidari** and **Hamidollah Arbabi**, 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 Messrs. Fallah Heidari and Hamidollah Arbabi

In reference to communications received from the Special Procedures Mandate-Holders appertaining **Fallah Heidari** and **Hamidollah Arbabi**, this is to hereby announce that:

- As per the announcement of the Khuzestan Province Justice Administration, **Fallah Heidari** was arrested on 19 May 2021. A bail was set for the aforesaid on the same day; however, he was referred to prison following failure to pay the bond. His objection to the Bail verdict was also reviewed by the Court and finally re-endorsed. He was later bailed out on 24 July 2021. He was in an official and legal detention center under the auspices of the National Prisons Organization and has been regularly in contact with his family members without any hindrance. Attributing his case to an enforced or involuntary disappearances is therefore rejected *absque dubio*. Furthermore, his physical and health situation was as such that he could stay in the detention center and there was no report of physical and health problems.
- As informed by the Sistan & Baluchestan Province Justice Administration, the spouse and brother of **Hamidollah Arbabi** filed a complaint on 30 March 2019, claiming that the aforesaid was kidnapped by unknown persons who entered his house while equipped with arms and were in military uniform and Balochi dress and taken him to an unknown location. As per remarks by the plaintiffs, the unknown persons told them to refer to Chabahar Intelligence Directorate for any follow-up. This is while investigations conducted by the

detective police (Police Agahi) prove that there has been no evidence to identify those unknown persons and the place where he was purportedly taken to.

Inquiry by the police from the relevant disciplinary and military forces did not prove any results. Therefore, any allegation suggesting any role played by disciplinary or security forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran in this disappearance is completely rejected.