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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 24/2021 dated 27 August 2021 concerning **Mr. Heidar Qorbani**, 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 Mr. Heidar Qorbani**

With respect to the Special Procedures Mandate-Holders' urgent appeal appertaining to **Heidar Qorbani**, the following points as received by the Provincial Justice Branch of Kurdistan are provided here for further clarification:

1. The aforesaid has been convicted as guilty because of committing serious crimes by assassinating several persons through several terrorist operations with two terrorist teams affiliated to terrorists group of Komala. We mentioned already in our previous communications that he himself also confirmed in his remarks (without any pressure or coercion) that he went to Iraq and made acquaintance with one of the agents of this terrorist group and he returned to the country. He said the agent called him in August 2016 and informed him of the plan and together they committed these serious crimes.
2. Allegations mentioning the issuance of death penalty based on forced confessions are devoid of any standing. The verdict issued during the trial based upon corroborating evidences which exist in his file and not only because of his own remarks.
3. The aforesaid went into hiding at his place of domicile following the committing of the crime. He was arrested by the police, indicted and informed of his right to counsel immediately. The aforesaid has enjoyed due process of law and having access to attorney and legal representation since his arrest. In line with transparency, his trial sessions have been held openly and the whole trial process has been recorded which is available in his file at the Court.

4. Nearly 95 per cent of people residing in Kurdistan province are Iranian Sunni citizens speaking Kurdish language. Moreover, it is important to be noted that a considerable number of judges in Kurdistan Provincial Justice Branch are from the same province which consists of Sunni Kurd citizens. Therefore, allegations about lack of impartiality in the judicial process because of the convict's minority status is null and void.