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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 AL IRN 20 / 2024 dated 26 November 2024 enclosed with Joint Communication from Special Procedures, has the honor to transmit herewith, comments from the High Council for Human Rights of the Islamic Republic of Iran to this 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.

Geneva, 12 February 2025



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In response to the joint correspondence by a number of mandate holders of the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council on November 24, 2024, regarding Mr. Taher Naqavi (AL IRN 20/2024) it should be announced that:

1. Mr. Naqavi was arrested on February 7, 2024 by the order of judicial authority, in full compliance with the Sharia standards and regulations of the Code of Criminal Procedure, with utmost respect, by judicial officers, and immediately presented to the judicial authority with the relevant documents. After being informed of the charges against him (including gathering and colluding to commit a crime against the security of the country and propaganda against the System), he was introduced to the detention center in accordance with the provisions of the temporary detention order issued for him.
2. After an initial investigation, he was transferred to the general ward on February 16, 2024.
3. Considering the undeniable evidence, proofs and documents, including the connection with the leader of separatist and subversive groups, connection and cooperation with agents of foreign intelligence services, publication of separatist material on virtual networks, handing military information and military personnel to those associated with foreign intelligence services, and

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some explicit confessions of the accused; after receiving the last defenses by the investigating police, the investigation was announced to be over and the final order was issued to bring the accused to trial and an indictment was issued for “his social charges and collusion to commit a crime against the security of the country and propaganda against the system”. The case was sent to the competent court on May 15, 2024; it is under review and has not yet resulted in a final verdict.

4. Regarding the location of Mr. Naqavi in prison and the provision of medical and health services for him, it should be noted that he was subjected to clinical examination upon arrival and, like other detainees and convicts, has had free access to medical and health services within the institution during his detention and imprisonment.

On June 19, 2024, due to his weakness and lethargy resulting from the hunger strike and his refusal to accept any medical intervention from the prison medical staff, he was sent to a hospital outside the prison and after receiving medical services and improving his physical condition, he was returned to the prison. According to his prison medical file, he currently has no acute physical problems.

5. It should be noted that during the period of detention, there were no restrictions on his access to welfare and relief facilities, and in addition to phone calls and communication, he met with his family and lawyer 24 times.
6. In conclusion, it is worth noting that in Iran, thousands of political and trade union activists are engaged in activities freely and within the framework of



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the law. No one is prosecuted simply for belonging to a trade, profession, group, or specific activity. On the other hand, the country of Iran is made up of different ethnic groups such as Kurd, Baluch, Turk, Arab, Lor, Fars, etc., all of whom are equally protected by the law. Belonging to a specific ethnic group or having a specific race, language, etc. is in no way a basis for discrimination. Therefore, claims that Mr, Naqavi is being treated and prosecuted due to his political and trade union activity, or for belonging to a certain ethnic group or race, are completely unfounded. It is also recommended that mandate holders refrain from using terms or descriptions such as Turk, Kurd, Baluch, and the like in their correspondence, that would biasedly suggest that the country's regulations are discriminatory in dealing with violators.

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