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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 7/2025 dated 28 May 2025 enclosed with the 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.

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### In the Name of God

In response to the correspondence by the Special Rapporteurs of the Human Rights Council dated May 28, 2025 with reference number AL IRN 7/2025, sent to the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding the condition of Mr. Hamid Hosseinnejad Heydaranloo, we hereby announce the following as an official response:

#### 1. Arrest and charges

According to the report of the General Intelligence Directorate of West Azerbaijan Province, following intelligence and control measures on elements of the PKK and PJAK terrorist groups, it was determined that Mr. Hamid Hosseinnejad Heydaranloo had collaborated with these groups and participated in the terrorist act that led to the martyrdom of 8 members of the Islamic Republic of Iran's border guards in 2017 in the Dushantape Chaldoran border region.

According to the documents, during 2017 operation, the defendant played a pivotal role in coordinating and executing the ambush and, after the incident, moved the group's elements to a safe location. To cover up his actions, he had left the country on the day of the attack with his official passport and with his family, so that in the event of security follow-up, he could declare his departure from the country as the reason for his absence from the scene of the incident.

#### The charges against him include:

- Acting against national security
- Membership in the PKK-PJAK terrorist group
- Collaboration in the assassination and martyrdom of 8 border guards of the Islamic Republic of Iran

- Illegal crossing of the border to cover security operations

Mr. Hosseinnejad was arrested and charged by judicial officers on 2023. In his statements, he stated that from 2012 to 2021, he was in contact with the PKK group through various individuals in Turkey and transported military and civilian items and equipment into Iran.

## 2. The Process of trial and preliminary investigation

The preliminary investigation of this case has been conducted in strict compliance with legal regulations and under the continuous supervision of the judicial authority. During these investigations, various documents have been collected and added to the file, including:

- Reports from security and intelligence agencies
- Testimony of witnesses
- Audio, video evidence and telecommunications records
- And explicit, repeated and documented confessions of the accused in the presence of a judicial authority

These confessions have also been cited and confirmed at various stages of the investigation.

Contrary to some claims, the defendant has enjoyed the right to have access to defense attorney at all stages of the trial. His lawyers have actively participated in the defense process and have submitted numerous statements of defense. The claim of being denied the access to a lawyer or interpreter is also rejected, since the defendant has enjoyed the necessary facilities at all stages of the interrogation and trial. In addition, the defendant has enjoyed the right to visit his family and to receive health care during his detention.

His temporary detention was also extended in accordance with legal regulations, and finally, on May 5, 2024, an order was issued to summon him to appear in court regarding the charges.

### **3. The Process of sentencing and judicial proceedings**

After completing the preliminary investigation, an official indictment was issued against the defendant and the case was sent to the court for judicial proceedings. Subsequently, several hearings were held with the presence of the judicial panel, the prosecutor's representative, the defense attorneys, and the defendant. During these hearings, all documents, arguments, and defenses of the parties were carefully examined. After fully evaluating the documents and evidence in the case, hearing the statements of the attorneys and the defendant's defenses, the court, upon verifying the alleged crime, finally issued a verdict to issue the death sentence to the defendant.

Subsequently, the defendant's defense attorneys filed an appeal with the Supreme Court within the legal deadline. This high judicial authority, with the role of supervising the correct implementation of the laws, re-examined the entire trial process and the documents presented. After a careful review and considering the available evidence, the compliance of the issued verdict with the applicable laws and the absence of any violation of the trial, the Supreme Court confirmed and finalized the verdict issued by the court of first instance.

### **4. Conditions of detention and rights of the accused**

During the period of detention and imprisonment, the accused has had:

- 15 face-to-face meetings with his family
- 2 meetings with his lawyers
- Meetings with supervising judges and investigating judges

According to the Prisons Organization reports, his physical and mental condition is reported to be satisfactory and he has benefited from regular medical and psychological visits. Also, on May 7, 2024 and May 15, 2024, he was sent to Arefian Hospital with judicial permission and received treatment for his hearing problem.

No restrictions were imposed on him regarding the exercise of his rights stipulated in the Prisons Organization's regulations, and the defendant enjoyed all legal rights, including:

- Visits
- Access to a lawyer
- Dispatch to medical centers outside the prison
- Receiving prescribed medications

#### **5. Response to allegations of torture, forced confessions, and unfair trial**

The allegations of torture or forced confessions are categorically denied. In the judicial system of the Islamic Republic of Iran, any confession obtained under duress is invalid and will be dealt with legally. In this case, the defendant's confessions were made under normal circumstances and in the presence of a judicial officer and are consistent with other material evidence in the case. No official report or documented complaint has been received from the defendant, his family, or his lawyers alleging torture or inhumane treatment.

In addition, the defendant had the opportunity to fully defend himself during the trial and had access to an interpreter if necessary, and the language of the trial was the official language of the country, with explanations and clarifications provided to the defendant in necessary cases.

#### **6. Execution of the verdict and issues related to burial**

The verdict was executed on April 21, 2025, after all legal procedures were completed, after the defendant himself and his legal lawyer were officially informed, and after the opportunity for a final meeting with his family was provided. The burial was also determined and carried out in an appropriate place, taking into account considerations and respecting human dignity. It should be emphasized that the necessary information has been provided in this regard.

#### **7. Family Access and Post-Execution Measures**

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Date:

The family of the deceased has been informed of the execution of the sentence and the issuance of the death certificate. Any referral and follow-up they make to the responsible institutions will be investigated within the framework of the regulations. However, threats or intimidation of the family are not acceptable in any way, and if such cases are proven, the necessary investigation will be carried out by the relevant domestic institutions.

### **Conclusion**

Given the collection of documents, reports from responsible institutions, and compliance with legal requirements at all stages of the investigation, the Islamic Republic of Iran once again emphasizes that the investigation into the case of Mr. Hamid Hosseinejad Heydaranloo has been conducted in full compliance with domestic laws, fair trial principles, and the country's international obligations, including the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

All rights of the accused, from the time of arrest to the issuance of the verdict and during the detention, including the right to a lawyer, visits with family, access to medical services and access to judicial processes, have been respected in accordance with legal regulations. No evidence of violations of legal standards or human rights principles has been reported or observed in the process of the trial and detention of the accused.

It is obvious that the Islamic Republic of Iran, in line with its commitment to legal, humanitarian, and rule of law principles, is always ready to respond to correspondence, questions, and concerns from international institutions and continue constructive cooperation within the framework of mutual respect and the principle of national sovereignty.