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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 UA IRN 22/2025 dated 11 December 2025 enclosed with the Joint Urgent Appeal from Special Procedures, has the honor to transmit herewith, comments from the High Council for Human Rights of the Islamic Republic of Iran that includes update of the situation.

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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The Islamic Republic of Iran presents its highest compliments and hereby responds to the joint communication dated 11 December 2025 concerning Ms. Zahra Shahbaz Tabari (reference No. UA IRN 22/2025), and expresses its appreciation for the opportunity provided to offer explanations and to clarify the legal and factual aspects of the matter.

At the outset, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran wishes to emphasize that the judicial proceedings in the case of Ms. Shahbaz Tabari are still ongoing and have not reached finality. In this regard, it should be noted that **the judgment issued by the court of first instance, imposing the death penalty, was overturned by the Supreme Court, the highest judicial authority, with respect to the charge of rebellion against the state (baghi), and the case was referred to a parallel branch for re-examination.** This clearly demonstrates the effectiveness of supervisory mechanisms, the guarantee of the right to appeal, and the independence of the Judiciary in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

With regard to the allegations raised in the communication, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran provides the following reasoned explanations:

1. Contrary to the claim of arrest without a judicial warrant, Ms. Shahbaz Tabari was apprehended pursuant to an explicit order issued by a **competent judicial authority and following the completion of all legal formalities**, and the judicial order was presented to the detainee at the time of arrest. Accordingly, the allegation of arbitrary arrest is devoid of any factual or legal basis.
2. With respect to the allegation of being held in solitary confinement, it should be noted that **there is no facility referred to as "solitary confinement," in the sense alleged, in detention centers and prisons of the Islamic Republic of Iran.** Pursuant to the Code of Criminal Procedure, and solely in necessary cases and upon the determination of a judicial authority, an accused person may be temporarily held in a **separate suite equipped with standard welfare facilities**, for the purpose of preserving evidence or preventing collusion with

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- other defendants. This measure is administrative and protective in nature and in no way has a punitive character.
3. The claim that the evidence supporting the charges was limited solely to a piece of fabric and an audio message is incorrect. The individual concerned had been **under information and judicial monitoring for an extended period**, and the case file contains **documents, reports, technical evidence, expert opinions, and numerous other pieces of evidence**, all of which have been examined and assessed in the course of the judicial proceedings.
 4. The allegations concerning the extraction of confessions under pressure, ill-treatment, or torture are categorically rejected. **Any form of torture or unlawful conduct is explicitly prohibited under the laws of the Islamic Republic of Iran** and, if committed, is subject to legal prosecution. Moreover, the accused denied the charges at all stages of the investigation, which in itself demonstrates the unfounded nature of the claim that a forced confession was obtained.
 5. With regard to the right of access to legal counsel, Ms. Shahbaz Tabari has, **from the very outset of the proceedings, enjoyed the right to be represented by a lawyer in accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure**, and this right has been duly recognized and respected throughout the judicial process.
 6. The claim that the hearing was conducted in less than ten minutes is inconsistent with the facts. The investigative sessions before the prosecutor's office, as well as the proceedings before the court, were held within the **customary and reasonable judicial timeframe**, during which the charges were duly communicated, the defense was heard, and the requisite legal formalities were observed. Furthermore, the conduct of a hearing via videoconference, in accordance with procedural regulations and without prejudice to the defendant's rights of defense, is not contrary to any applicable laws or regulations.
 7. With regard to her health status, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran emphasizes that Ms. Shahbaz Tabari has **continuous access to medical services, medication, and healthcare while in prison**. In cases where, based on the assessment of the prison medical staff, the available facilities are deemed insufficient, **arrangements can be made for her immediate**

transfer to specialized medical centers outside the prison at any time of day or night.

8. In view of the **non-final nature of the judgment** and the quashing of the first-instance verdict by the Supreme Court, the raising of allegations concerning the implementation of an irreversible punishment, without due regard to the facts of the case, the incomplete judicial process, and based solely on unofficial and biased media reports, is inconsistent with the principles and professional reporting practices of the Human Rights Council.

In conclusion, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran reiterates that **all relevant domestic regulations and international obligations**, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, as well as the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules), have been, and continue to be, fully observed in the judicial process and in the treatment towards defendants and prisoners.

Accordingly, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran is of the view that the concerns raised in the present communication do not accurately reflect the factual and legal status of the case. Nevertheless, it reiterates its readiness to continue constructive engagement with the Special Rapporteurs, within the framework of mutual respect, impartiality, and adherence to legal processes.

۳) ادعای اینکه ادله انتساب اتهام صرفاً محدود به یک قطعه پارچه و یک پیام صوتی بوده، نادرست است. نامبرده از مدت‌ها قبل تحت رصد اطلاعاتی و قضایی قرار داشته و در پرونده وی اسناد، گزارش‌ها، مستندات فنی، نظرات کارشناسی و ادله متعدد دیگری وجود دارد که همگی در فرآیند رسیدگی قضایی مورد ارزیابی قرار گرفته‌اند.

۴) ادعاهای مربوط به اخذ اعتراف تحت فشار، اذیت و آزار یا شکنجه قویاً رد می‌گردد. هرگونه شکنجه یا رفتار غیرقانونی در قوانین جمهوری اسلامی ایران به‌صراحت ممنوع بوده و در صورت وقوع، مستوجب پیگرد قانونی است. افزون بر این، متهمه در تمامی مراحل تحقیقات، اتهامات را انکار نموده است که این امر خود، بی‌اساس بودن ادعای اخذ اعتراف اجباری را نشان می‌دهد.

۵) در خصوص حق دسترسی به وکیل، خانم شهباز طبری از بدو آغاز رسیدگی، وفق قانون آیین دادرسی کیفری، از حق بهره‌مندی از وکیل برخوردار بوده و این حق در فرآیند دادرسی مورد شناسایی و رعایت قرار گرفته است.

۶) ادعای برگزاری جلسه رسیدگی در مدت‌زمان کمتر از ده دقیقه با واقعیت منطبق نیست. جلسات تحقیق در دادسرا و همچنین رسیدگی در دادگاه در مدت‌زمان متعارف و معمول قضایی برگزار شده و امکان تفهیم اتهام، استماع دفاعیات و انجام تشریفات قانونی فراهم بوده است. ضمناً برگزاری جلسه از طریق ویدئوکنفرانس مطابق مقررات شکلی و بدون ایجاد خدشه به حقوق دفاعی متهم، مغایرتی با هیچیک از مقررات و قوانین ندارد.

۷) در خصوص وضعیت سلامت، دولت جمهوری اسلامی ایران تأکید می‌نماید که خانم شهباز طبری به‌صورت مستمر به خدمات پزشکی، دارویی و مراقبت‌های درمانی در زندان دسترسی دارد. در مواردی که بنا به تشخیص پزشکان بهداری زندان، امکانات موجود کافی نباشد، امکان اعزام فوری به مراکز درمانی تخصصی خارج از زندان در هر زمان از شبانه‌روز وجود دارد.

۸) با توجه به قطعی نبودن حکم صادره و نقض رای بدوی از سوی دیوان عالی کشور، طرح ادعاهای مربوط به اجرای مجازات غیرقابل بازگشت، بدون توجه به واقعیات پرونده و طی نشدن کلیه مراحل دادرسی، و با اتکای صرف

به گزارش‌های رسانه‌ای غیررسمی و جانبدارانه، با اصول و رویه‌های حرفه‌ای گزارشگری در شورای حقوق بشر همخوانی ندارد.

در پایان، دولت جمهوری اسلامی ایران بار دیگر تأکید می‌نماید که کلیه مقررات داخلی و تعهدات بین‌المللی مربوطه، از جمله میثاق بین‌المللی حقوق مدنی و سیاسی، میثاق بین‌المللی حقوق اقتصادی، اجتماعی و فرهنگی و همچنین قواعد حداقل استاندارد سازمان ملل برای رفتار با زندانیان (قواعد نلسون ماندلا)، در فرآیند رسیدگی قضایی و نحوه برخورد با متهمان و زندانیان، به‌طور کامل رعایت شده و می‌شود.

بر این اساس، دولت جمهوری اسلامی ایران بر این باور است که نگرانی‌های مطرح‌شده در مکاتبه حاضر، تصویر دقیقی از وضعیت واقعی و حقوقی پرونده منعکس نمی‌نماید. با این وجود، همچنان آمادگی خود را برای تداوم تعامل سازنده با گزارشگران ویژه، در چارچوب احترام متقابل، بی‌طرفی و پایبندی به فرآیندهای قانونی اعلام می‌دارد.

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