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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 2 / 2026 dated 24 February 2026 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.

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, while presenting its highest respect, regarding the allegations raised in the joint correspondence of February 24, 2026, by a number of UN Human Rights Council rapporteurs regarding Ms. Shima Ghousheh and Nazanin Salari (with reference number AL IRN 2/2026), declares:

- No one in Iran is prosecuted and detained solely for performing their professional or trade-related duties. There are over 130,000 lawyers practicing in Iran. It is evident that deviating from the established regulations and frameworks in any country and any profession can lead to accountability for the offender. Therefore, the prosecution of a handful of individuals, who have been pursued not because of their activities in the legal profession, but because of actions that violate the country's laws and regulations, should not be interpreted as 'arbitrary detention of lawyers for performing their professional duties'.
- During the recent unrest, many of the detainees were released immediately within the first few hours of their detention; therefore, the claim that detainees were denied access to a lawyer is completely unfounded and baseless.
- Regarding Ms. Shima Ghousheh, it is stated that: First, she was detained on charges related to national security, including forming and managing a group within the country with the intent to disrupt national security, or organizing unauthorized assemblies; the charges brought against her had no connection to her representing detainees. Second, following the investigations conducted, the judicial authority issued a stay of proceedings for her, and she is currently free.
- Regarding the allegation of "unusual and unlawful measures by branches of the Shiraz Prosecutor's Office in accepting bail conditional upon families of detainees paying substantial sums into an account associated with the Shiraz Municipality, it is stated that: According to the Fars Province judicial authority, during the proceedings of cases related to the unrest of January 2026, and in view of the extensive destruction of urban facilities and public



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and government properties, legal representatives of various departments and institutions, specifically the Shiraz Municipality, filed complaints and pursued the matter. Given that some defendants, in addition to committing security-related offenses, were also charged with destruction of public property, several of them voluntarily, while accepting their charges and expressing remorse, offered to compensate for the damages caused to urban facilities and government sites. In this regard, some defendants, without coordination with the presiding judges, proceeded to make payments. Upon becoming aware of this, the judicial authorities immediately coordinated the matter, and all funds were returned to the individuals' accounts. Therefore, no order for such payments was issued by the aforementioned judicial authority, and the necessary warnings were issued to the relevant agency.

- Regarding Ms. Nazanin Salari, according to the report received from the Fars Province Justice Department, she faces multiple charges, including: charges related to national security and engaging in propaganda activities against the Islamic Republic of Iran; cooperating with hostile foreign states; possession of over 60 liters of homemade alcoholic beverages and 5 bottles of foreign alcoholic beverages (which are criminal offenses under the laws of the Islamic Republic of Iran); participating in the organization of training workshops (held between 2014 and 2019) by institutions and individuals affiliated with the U.S. State Department; establishing contact and cooperating with certain fugitive counter-revolutionary elements residing abroad; and spreading online falsehoods with the intent to disturb public opinion. She is currently released on bail (under a surety bond).