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Your Excellency,

Mr. Sadegh Larijani,

According to several reports, seven leaders of Iran's Baha'i community were sentenced to twenty years imprisonment by a Revolutionary Court in Tehran.

Mrs. Mahwash Sabet was arrested in Mashhad and the other six persons Mrs. Fariba Kamalabadi, Mr. Afif Naimi, Jamalodin Khanjani, Behruz Tavakkoli, Saeed Ramezani and Wahid Tizfahm were arrested in their homes in Teheran.

These Baha'i leaders and Iranian citizens have limited access to their families and lawyers as they are held in Evin prison for twenty months. They have been sentenced by a revolutionary court, without any legal assistance and jurors, convicted on unsubstantiated charges to twenty years prison.

In our opinion these individuals have been sentenced because of their religious belief, being Bahaii.

We would like to draw your attention to Iran's obligations under Articles 18, 19 and 26 of the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and Article 14 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Excellency,

As members of „Medical Professionals for Human Rights in Austria“ living far away from our

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beloved Iran we would like to ask you:

- 1) Respect and promotion of international human rights obligations, particularly an immediate end to unfounded arrests of citizens
- 2) Unconditional release of all prisoners of conscience
- 3) Respect and promotion of the religious rights of the Bahaii leaders based on an equal right as to other Iranian citizen, including their immediate release
- 4) Immediate release of Mr Dr. Akrami from Ghom and he should be granted the right to serve the people without any restrictions
- 5) Suspension and trial of those guards accused of ill-treating political prisoners, as a matter of priority
- 6) An independent international delegation should investigate the situation of Iranian prisons, particularly the conditions of political prisoners.

Respectfully,

Dr. Ali Gouche

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