Head of Judiciary
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Dear Mr Mohseni Ejei,

I am gravely concerned that a great number of people are at risk of execution by the Iranian authorities following grossly unfair sham proceedings involving charges of “enmity against God” (moharebeh), “corruption on earth” (efsad-e fel arz) and “armed rebellion against the state” (baghi) in connection to the nationwide protests.

The individuals have all been denied fair trials which must include adequate defence and access to lawyers of their choosing, to be presumed innocent, to be allowed to remain silent and to receive a fair, public hearing. According to information available to Amnesty International, at least 10 of them, including Hamid Ghare-Hasanlou, Toomaj Salehi and Mohammad Ghobadlou were tortured and authorities used their torture-tainted “confessions” or those of others as evidence. State media also broadcast forced “confessions” of several defendants prior to their trials.

I urge you to immediately quash all convictions and death sentences, refrain from seeking further death sentences, and ensure that anyone charged with a recognizable criminal offence is tried in proceedings which meet international fair trial standards without recourse to the death penalty.

I call on you to release all those detained for peacefully exercising their human rights. and to provide detainees access to their families and lawyers of their own choosing, protect them from torture and other ill-treatment and investigate torture allegations, bringing anyone found responsible to justice in fair trials and grant independent observers from embassies access to capital trials connected to protests.

Finally, I ask you to immediately establish an official moratorium on executions with a view of abolishing the death penalty.

Yours sincerely,

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