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**Abolfazl Naderi**

Your Excellency,

I am appalled to hear that the 21-year-old Iranian Abolfazl Naderi is threatened with execution in Arak prison. Abolfazl Naderi was 16 years old at the time of his arrest and sentenced to death after a grossly unfair trial. The "confessions" that served a basis for the court were arisen under torture.

I therefore urge you to halt any plans to execute Abolfazl Naderi and ensure that his conviction and sentence are quashed and he is granted a fair retrial in accordance with the principles of juvenile justice, without resort to the death penalty and excluding statements obtained through torture or other ill-treatment or without the presence of a lawyer.

Furthermore, I kindly ask you to immediately conduct an impartial and transparent investigation into his allegations of torture and other ill-treatment and bring those responsible to justice in trials that meet international fair trial standards.

Please urgently amend Article 91 of the 2013 Islamic Penal Code to completely abolish, without any discretion by the courts or other exceptions, the use of the death penalty for crimes committed by people below the age of 18, in line with Iran's obligations under international law.

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

Yours respectfully,