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Subject: Physical integrity of Alireza Imani

Excellency,

I would like to call your best attention to the case of Mr. Alireza Imani. According to the information that I received, Mr. Alireza Imani is on his sixteenth day of hunger strike to protest his solitary confinement and a possible deportation to Iran.

The Iranian authorities are issuing hundreds of death sentences every year to those who oppose the theocratic regime, which, according to their fanatic mentality, is described as opposition to the rule of God! Public hangings, stoning, executions, and shootings are common in Iran.

As far I am informed, Mr. Imani is one of the most active members of South Azerbaijani Independence Party (SAIP). He has a history of activism and struggle against the Iranian regime. If Mr. Imani returns to Iran, I am quite afraid he will be tortured and killed.

I am asking your Excellency to consider the case of Mr. Imani in order to stop any process of deportation against him or his friends. I believe that he should not be handed over to Iran. He should be kept away from the grasp of Islamic Iran in Europe. He should not be deported to any country under Iranian grip. I believe the best solution is for him to remain in Europe. Deporting him would be an act of appeasement of terrorism.

Mr. Imani is human rights activist on behalf of millions of South Azerbaijanis. I would like to stress that any activism on South Azerbaijani autonomy is an unforgivable sin according to mullahs.

I appreciate your time and attention.

Yours sincerely,

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