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Your Excellency,

I am writing to you concerning **Narges Mohammadi**, the renowned Nobel Peace laureate and human rights activist. She is the former vice-president of the Center for Human Rights Defenders (CHRD), which had reported on violations of human rights in Iran. The CHRD had also provided pro-bono legal representation to political prisoners and supported their families before it was forcibly closed by the Iranian authorities in December 2008. Narges Mohammadi also advocated for the abolition of the death penalty in Iran.

Narges Mohammadi was detained in November 2021 while attending a peaceful memorial service for people killed by Iranian security forces during nationwide protests in November 2019. In January 2022, following a grossly unfair trial that lasted just five minutes, a Revolutionary Court convicted her on charges including “colluding to commit crimes against national security” and “disrupting public order”. Narges Mohammadi was sentenced to eight years and two months in prison, 74 lashes and bans on her activities. This sentence was in addition to the one imposed in May 2021 of 30 months in prison, 80 lashes, and a fine for “spreading propaganda against the system”. Since May 2021, she has been incarcerated in Tehran’s Evin prison, where her health has steadily deteriorated. She has not seen her husband and her twin children for several years.

In December 2024, Narges Mohammadi was temporarily released from prison for three weeks. This was in connection to her health following surgery, which took place on 14 November 2024 at a hospital outside of prison, to remove a tumour from her leg. She was transferred back to prison on 16 November 2024, against medical advice and according to her family, while she was still in a great deal of pain. The period of time granted outside of prison (three weeks) does not meet the three-month period her doctors have said she needs to fully recuperate.

I urge the Iranian authorities to unconditionally release Narges Mohammadi. She is a prisoner of conscience who has been detained solely for her peaceful human rights activism. The Iranian authorities must also quash her unjust convictions and sentences.

Yours sincerely,

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