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Your Excellency,

I am writing to you regarding the unprecedented number of death sentences that individuals in Iran are facing in connection to the nationwide protests. I was shocked by the arbitrary executions of **Majid Kazemi, Saleh Mirhashemi, and Saeed Yaghoubi** on May 19, 2023. These men were unjustly convicted and sentenced to death in a trial that relied on torture-tainted “confessions” and which bore no resemblance to fair judicial proceedings.

Many protesters are facing capital punishment on charges of “enmity against God” (moharebeh) and “corruption on earth” (efsad-e fel arz.) I am deeply concerned about the fates of **Ebrahim Narouie, Kambiz Kharout, Manouchehr Mehman Navaz, Mansour Dahmardeh, Mohammad Ghobadlou, Mojahed (Abbas) Kourkour and Shoeib Mir Baluchzahi Rigi**, among others.

At least four others – **Mahan Sadrat (Sedarat) Madani, Mansour Hout, Mohammad Boroughani, and Nezamoldin Hout** – are facing retrials on capital charges. After their convictions and death sentences were quashed by the Supreme Court, their cases returned to lower courts. Three protesters – Saeed Shirazi, Abolfazl Mehri Hossein Hajilou, and Mohsen Rezazadeh Gharegholou – have undergone trial on charges that carry the death penalty. Dozens of others are being investigated for capital protest-related crimes.

It has been reported that protesters have been denied access to lawyers during the investigation phase and independently appointed lawyers were barred from attending trial hearings and accessing their clients’ case files. Amnesty International has documented the torture and other ill-treatment of nine of the individuals named above, through beatings, floggings, electric shocks, suspension upside down, sexual violence, and deliberate denial of healthcare.

I call on you to immediately quash all convictions and death sentences stemming from the protests, release those who are detained for peacefully exercising their human rights, abide by fair trial standards, give detainees access to lawyers of their own choosing and their families, protect detainees from torture and investigate torture allegations and eliminate death penalty sentences for them. Finally, I urge you to abolish the death penalty altogether.

Sincerely, _____

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