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Date: _____

Dear Sir,

I am deeply shocked at the 10-year prison sentence against **Nahid Taghavi**, a 66-year-old German-Iranian national, following proceedings in clear violation of fair trial standards. The prosecution authorities denied her access to a lawyer of her choice for a long time. They also failed to give any precise information about the activities for which she has now been sentenced. She was sentenced on charges of “membership in an illegal group” and “propaganda against the regime” without specifying on which facts this is based. That is why I believe that Nahid Taghavi is a non-violent political prisoner.

Her conditions of detention are also deeply worrying and constitute a threat to her health. Several times she was refused a recommended treatment and even during the time she contracted Covid-19 she was not allowed a prison leave for medical reasons.

So I ask you to release Nahid Taghavi immediately and unconditionally.

Pending her release, give her regular access to her family and to any health care that she needs, if necessary outside the prison.

Ensure that she is granted access to consular assistance from the German authorities, as she also has German citizenship.

Yours sincerely,