Head of Judiciary
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Dear Mr Mohseni Ejei,

Human rights defender Narges Mohammadi is being arbitrarily detained in Shahr-e Rey prison Tehran province, to torture and other ill-treatment. She is deliberately being denied adequate healthcare in reprisal for her public campaigning against the use of solitary confinement in Iran’s prisons and for seeking accountability for hundreds of unlawful killings during the November 2019 nationwide protests.

According to her husband, Narges Mohammadi was transferred to hospital outside of prison on 23 June 2022 after experiencing shortness of breath and an irregular heartbeat. At hospital, a specialist doctor said she required specific medications for serious heart and lung conditions. Since her return to prison, Narges Mohammadi has been denied some of her required medication.

Narges Mohammadi is being held in cruel and inhumane conditions. In recent weeks, prisoners in Gharchak have reported overflowing sewage resulting in filthiness and foul odours, putting prisoners at risk of disease and exacerbating the unsanitary conditions in the wards, washing and toilet facilities.

I call on you to immediately and unconditionally release Narges Mohammadi as she is prisoner of conscience detained solely for her peaceful human rights activities, revoke her unjust convictions and sentences and drop any criminal proceedings against her related to the peaceful exercise of her human rights. Pending her release, she must be provided adequate healthcare, including treatment unavailable in prison, and all the medication she requires. She must also be protected from further torture and other ill-treatment. A prompt, independent, effective and impartial investigation into her allegations of torture and other ill-treatment must be conducted, with a view of bringing those responsible to justice in fair trials.

Yours sincerely,

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