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Dear Prosecutor General,

Iranian human rights defender and prisoner of conscience Arash Sadeghi has been imprisoned for more than two years, serving two separate prison sentences totalling 19 years. He is being detained solely for his peaceful human rights activities. Since he ended a 71-day hunger strike, his health has drastically deteriorated. Over the past 20 months he also experienced constant pain in his elbow and shoulders. When Arash Sadeghi was finally taken to a hospital in May 2018, he found out that he has bone sarcoma, a rare cancer. He needs immediate transfer to a hospital that specialises in cancer treatment, but the authorities have so far refused his transfer.

I would like to urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Arash Sadeghi as he is imprisoned solely for peacefully exercising his rights to freedom of expression, association, and assembly through his human rights work. Please ensure that he is provided with the specialized medical care he needs outside prison, including cancer treatment and aftercare, while ensuring his rights to informed consent, confidentiality, privacy and full access to his medical file. Please also protect Arash Sadeghi from further torture and other ill-treatment – including through the denial of adequate medical care – and investigate those responsible for persistently denying him medical care and bring them to justice in proceedings that meet international fair trial standards.

Yours sincerely

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