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Excellency,

Human rights defender and anti-death penalty campaigner Atena Daemi, 31, is serving a seven-year prison sentence after being convicted, in a grossly unfair trial, of trumped-up national security related charges. The reason for her detention is her peaceful human right activism.

On 17 June 2019, Atena Daemi and Golrokh Iraee Ebrahimi were both sentenced to another three years and seven months imprisonment after being convicted of charges including "spreading propaganda against the system" and "insulting the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Supreme Leader". Both women had sung the revolution hymn "Oh martyrs" to protest against the execution of three Kurdish prisoners, Zanyiar Moradi, Loghman Moradi and Ramin Hossein Panahi, on 8 September 2018. Furthermore, they had written Open letters to the authorities about the executions and their prison conditions.

Golrokh Iraee Ebrahimi was released on bail in April 2019, but was rearrested on 9 November. Atena Daemi urgently requires medical treatment outside prison, which the authorities deny her.

I urge you to release Atena Daemi and Golrokh Iraee Ebrahimi immediately and unconditionally, as they are prisoner of conscience targeted solely for peacefully exercising their rights to freedom of expression and assembly as well as their human rights activism. Please also ensure that Atena Daemi is transferred to a hospital outside prison for specialist medical care.

Yours sincerely,

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