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Your Excellency **Afsaneh Nadipour**

On behalf of **Amnesty International and 36.352 signatures from Denmark and the Faroe Islands** who have signed our Urgent Action, I write to express my grave concern about the case of **Zeynab Jalalian**. She was arrested in Kermanshah in February 2008 and after spending several months in solitary confinement enduring severe physical and mental torture, she was sentenced to death after a grossly unfair trial lasting a few minutes without her lawyer present. She was commuted to life in prison in 2011 and is being detained in Yazd prison, 1,400 km away from her family home.

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In April 2016, the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention called on Iran to release Zeynab Jalalian immediately as she had been detained only for peacefully exercising her rights to freedoms of expression and association through "her activities as a social and political activist for the rights of Kurdish women" and "her involvement in political activism... with the non-militant wing of the PJAK". She suffers from various illnesses and have been denied health care which is causing her severe pain and suffering. The refusal of authorities to provide prisoners with medical care constitutes torture if such deprivation is intentional and inflicts "severe pain or suffering" for such purposes as punishment, coercion or intimidation, obtaining a "confession", or for any reason based on discrimination.

I therefore urge the Iranian government to:

- Implement the recommendation of the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, which calls for Jalalian to be released immediately and accorded the right to compensation.
- Immediately provide Zeynab Jalalian with the specialized medical care she needs outside prison, including eye surgery and dental treatment, and protect her from further torture and other ill-treatment, including through the denial of adequate medical care.
- Order a prompt, independent and impartial investigation into her allegations of torture and other ill-treatment, bringing to justice anyone found responsible, including those with superior responsibility, in fair trials and without recourse to the death penalty.

Please do consider our recommendations. A list of the signatories is enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

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