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Your Excellency,

I wish to draw your attention to the detention of 27-year-old activist Atena Daemi. She was arrested in October 2014 and sentenced to 14 years in prison on 12 May 2015 after a grossly unfair trial. The charges against Atena Daemi include “gathering and colluding against national security” and stem from her criticism on social media of executions and human rights violations in Iran, as well as the solidarity she showed with families of death row prisoners, and the families of those killed during the crackdown that followed the 2009 election.

I call on you to release Atena Daemi immediately and unconditionally as she is being held solely for the peaceful exercise of her rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly. I further urge you to ensure that she receives any medical attention she may require, including specialized treatment outside prison.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

I am kindly awaiting your reply.

Yours sincerely,