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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for approaching you on behalf of the Iranian citizen, Mr. Hadi Rahimi. He has exercised his right to change his faith. This former Muslim has joined the Christian house church "Church of Iran" and has spoken about his new faith. As a result, the "Revolutionary Court" in the city of Rasht accused him of endangering the security of the state and specifically of promoting "Zionist Christianity." He has started to serve a four-year prison sentence on January 9, 2022.

Please permit me, Your Excellency, to remind you that the Islamic Republic of Iran has ratified "The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights" (ICCPR) – a covenant binding under international law - which also guarantees full freedom of religion.

I therefore take the liberty, dear Mr. President, to beseech you to advocate the immediate unconditional release of Mr. Hadi Rahimi.

Most respectfully,