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Nahid Taghavi

Dear Mr Raisi,

I am writing to express concern at the continued arbitrary detention of Nahid Taghavi, a 66-year-old German-Iranian national, in Section 2A of Tehran's Evin prison. Following her arrest, she was denied contact with the outside world until 28 October 2020, when she was permitted a brief telephone call with her family. The prosecution authorities have denied her access to a lawyer. They have also refused to give any precise information to her family about the charges on which she has been detained, only citing "security" (amniyati) reasons. Amnesty International believes that Nahid Taghavi is a prisoner of conscience detained solely for peacefully exercising her rights to freedom of expression and association.

Nahid Taghavi suffers from diabetes and high blood pressure. The spread of COVID-19 in Iran's prisons puts her at heightened risk of severe illness or death due her age and medical conditions.

I ask you to immediately and unconditionally release Nahid Taghavi as she is a prisoner of conscience detained solely in connection with her peacefully exercising her rights to freedom of expression and association. Pending her release, give her regular access to a lawyer of her choosing and family, as well as to any health care she needs, including medication and transfer to outside facilities for treatment unavailable in prison, and ensure that she is granted access to consular assistance from the German authorities.

Yours sincerely,

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