Dear Petitioner,

The European Union would like to thank you for drawing its attention to the long term imprisonment of prominent lawyer Mr. Abdolfattah Soltani. The European Union continues to raise its strong concerns on the human rights situation in Iran, be it in general or in relation to individual cases, and will continue to remind the Iranian Government about its obligations in this regard.

The European Union will continue to closely monitor this case and the one of the imprisoned Dervishes of the Gonabadi Order that Mr Soltani and other lawyers were representing. The European Union will also continue to call upon the Iranian authorities to respect the international laws and standards to which Iran has, itself, signed up.

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