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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Commission is quite aware of the unrest in the Kurdish areas of Iran since July this year and continues to follow the developments closely, together with the EU Member States and in particular those that have diplomatic missions in Iran. Several of the elements mentioned in your letter, including the killing of Mr Ghaderi in Mahabad on 9 July, are known by the Commission.

During August, the EU sought further information locally about the deaths and arrests that have occurred, and steps were taken to get the necessary clarifications from the Iranian authorities. Naturally, the EU – currently presided by the United Kingdom - will continue to follow up this important matter.

Meanwhile, the EU continues to act via various instruments both bilaterally and multilaterally, to seek to bring about an improvement in the overall human rights situation in Iran. Via the EU-Iran human rights dialogue – which regrettably has been unable to meet for more than a year (essentially due to Iranian reservations) – the EU has also sought to address and raise a range of human rights problems in Iran, as well as individual cases.

Thus, although it is often difficult and takes time to verify reports of human rights abuses in Iran, the EU continues to press for improvements and transparency in the above as well as in other areas of concern, such as terrorism and the nuclear issue.

Yours sincerely,

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