**Case: Saman Naseem, Iran**

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Your Excellency,

Kurdish juvenile offender Saman Naseem was sentenced to death in 2013 for alleged crimes committed when he was 17 years old. His trial used as evidence ‘confessions’ which he says were obtained through torture and other ill-treatment.

I welcome the news that Saman Naseem has now been granted a judicial review. I call on you to ensure that:

* The retrial is conducted fairly and in line with Iran’s international obligations which absolutely prohibit the use of death penalty against people convicted of crimes committed when under the age of 18.
* ‘Confessions’ obtained under torture and other ill-treatment are not used as evidence in court to determine guilt.
* Saman Naseem is granted access to his lawyer, his family and any medical attention he may require.

Yours,