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Your Excellency,

I am very concerned about the case of Kurdish juvenile offender Saman Naseem, a member of Iran's ethnic Kurdish minority, who was tortured until he confessed to a crime he did not commit. He was only 17 years old. His trial used as the main evidence his 'confessions' and refused to investigate the circumstances of interrogation. Despite the fact that Iran has signed an international ban on executions of juveniles, Saman was sentenced to death in 2013 for offenses against God.

I urge your to ensure that his 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.

Sincerely,