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EU PRESIDENCY STATEMENT ON THE POSSIBLE EXECUTION OF MR. SINA PAYMARD FOR A CRIME COMMITTED WHILE HE WAS A MINOR

The EU is deeply concerned by the news of the imminent execution of Sina Paymard, who was convicted and sentenced to death by a judge of the Teheran court for a crime perpetrated while he was a minor. The execution is scheduled for tonight.

The EU appeals to the Iranian authorities not to execute Sina Paymard. The Islamic Republic of Iran is a party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Both these international binding texts clearly prohibit the execution of minors or people who have been convicted of crimes committed while they were minors. Moreover, according to the Civil Code of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in its article 9, the international legal texts mentioned above should prevail, as they are as valid as the Civil Code.

The Governments of Turkey, Croatia, Canada, Australia and Norway associate themselves to this declaration.