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Further Information on UA 276/03 (EUR 44/023/2003, 24 September 2003) Fear of forcible return/ fear for safety

TURKEY

Farideh Sohrabi Cheghakaboudi (f), aged 23, Iranian national

On 15 October, Farideh Sohrabi Cheghakaboudi was reportedly accepted for resettlement in Sweden, where she is now living. She is no longer at risk of forcible return to Iran, where she would have faced possible arbitrary detention, torture or ill-treatment as a result of her political activism.

Farideh Sohrabi Cheghakaboudi, a Kurdish Iranian, was arrested by police officers on around 12 August in the Turkish capital, Ankara. She was reportedly detained in the Foreign Nationals' Department of Ankara Police Headquarters while the Turkish authorities began deportation procedures against her. Farideh Sohrabi Cheghakaboudi was recognised as a refugee by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on the basis that she has a well-founded fear of persecution as a result of her political activism, if she is returned to Iran.

No further action is requested from the Urgent Action Network at present. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.