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Further Information on UA 98/09 (MDE 13/031/2009, 9 April 2009) Fear of imminent execution

IRAN

Delara Darabi (f), aged 22, juvenile offender

Delara Darabi has now been scheduled for execution, according to the Iranian newspaper *Etemad* on 18 April, according to another source on 20 April. She was convicted of murdering a relative when she was 17: unless the Judiciary intervene, she can now escape execution only if the woman's entire family accept payment of diyeh, or blood money. One of the family is said to be undecided.

Iran is a state party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which prohibit the use of the death penalty against people convicted of crimes committed when they were under 18.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Persian, Arabic, English or your own language:

- expressing concern that Delara Darabi is in imminent danger of execution for a crime committed when she was under 18;
- calling on the authorities to halt the execution of Delara Darabi immediately, and commute her death sentence.
- reminding the authorities that Iran is a state party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), which prohibit the use of the death penalty against people convicted of crimes committed when they were under 18.

APPEALS TO:

Head of the Judiciary

Ayatollah Mahmoud Hashemi Shahroudi
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Salutation: **Your Excellency**

Judiciary spokesperson

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Salutation: **Dear Sir**

Leader of the Islamic Republic

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Salutation: Your Excellency

COPIES TO:

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and to diplomatic representatives of Iran accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 29 May 2009.