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His Excellency Dr Hamid Aboutalebi
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Dear Your Excellency Dr Aboutalebi

URGENT – children on death row

It has come to my attention that there are 24 children ranging from the ages of 15 to 17 on death row in Iran and that this contravenes the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Charter of the Rights of the Child, which forbid the execution of anyone under the age of 18, to which Iran is a signatory.

Of particular concern is the case of Miss Delara Darabi who, I understand, has been wrongly convicted of murder and faces imminent execution by public hanging. I urge you to make immediate representations to your government for a stay in proceedings in this, and other cases where children are on death row.

Yours sincerely

Senator Lyn Allison
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