

EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE



EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE

Brussels, **01 FEV. 2013**
D(2013) 29508

Dear Petitioner,

The High Representative is highly concerned by the case of Zanyar Moradi, and follows his and his co-defendant Loghman Moradi's cases very closely. She is particularly distressed by reports that the defendants confessed under torture and severe duress. She released a statement to this end on 11 January, where she urged the Iranian authorities to stay these executions, and to introduce a moratorium on the death penalty in Iran. The High Representative has on many occasions reiterated the EU's strong and principled position against the death penalty, and continues to urge on Iran to cease using this cruel and inhuman punishment.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Catherine Ashton', is written over the typed name.