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Dear Sir,

I dare to occupy a spell of your time for a case which deserves your attention.

The 17 years old **Hamid Ahmadi** was arrested on 5 May 2008 after he contacted the police to report the stabbing of a young man during a fight involving five individuals, an incident in which, according to him, he played no direct role.

However, he was denounced as the perpetrator. After he was tortured according to his own statement, he eventually made the confession of being the perpetrator, whereas he was held at a police station without access to a lawyer or his family.

He was sentenced to death. During the last ten years the sentence was overturned and reinstated several times. A date for his execution was fixed five times. Such an experience actually comes close to a real execution.

So I call on you to halt any plans to execute Hamid Ahmadi and ensure that his conviction and sentence are quashed and he is granted a fair retrial in accordance with the principles of juvenile justice, without resort to the death penalty and excluding statements obtained through torture or other ill-treatment or without the presence of a lawyer.

As to his allegations of torture, I urge you to conduct an impartial and transparent investigation into these allegations and bring those responsible to justice in trials that meet international fair trial standards.

Finally, I call on you to amend Article 91 of the 2013 Islamic Penal Code to completely abolish, without any discretion by the courts or other exceptions, the use of the death penalty for crimes committed by people below the age of 18, in line with Iran's obligations under international law.

Yours respectfully