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## **OPEN LETTER TO THE ATTENTION OF:**

- His Excellency Dr. Hassan Rohani, President of Iran [media@rouhani.ir]
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- Dr. Zafarghandi, President of the Iranian Medical Council [IntlAffairs@irimc.org]

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## URGENT - Support to Dr. Ahmadreza Djalali

Your Excellency,

We are writing to you on behalf of the World Medical Association (WMA), the global federation of National Medical Associations representing millions of physicians worldwide, acting for the advancement of good practice, medical ethics and medical accountability internationally.

We have just been informed of Dr. Djalali's imminent execution. We are extremely troubled by that latest news, despite the repeated calls from the international community in his support since the date of his detention in 2016. We wrote to you several times to draw your attention on his case. It is appalling to note that the situation remains unchanged.

Various sources of information unanimously confirm that Dr. Ahmadreza Djalali is a specialist in emergency medicine peacefully pursuing his profession. We believe that he is a prisoner of conscience. The freedom of expression and the right to a fair trial are fundamental human rights enshrined in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights that the Republic of Iran has ratified in 1975 and for which you are accountable. We call on the Iranian authorities to take immediate action in line with its commitments and to release Dr. Djalali immediately and unconditionally.

We appeal to your humanity and sense of justice and trust that you will take promptly all the necessary steps related to our demands.

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Thank you for your attention.

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