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Case of Zeynab Jalalian, at risk of losing her eyesight

Your Excellency

By this letter, I would like to indicate that I am very worried about the case of **Zeynab Jalalian** who is detained in Kermanshah Prison since 2009. She has had eye problems for a number of years but the prison authorities have repeatedly refused to allow her access to an eye specialist outside of prison. Her medical problems are possibly as a result of beatings she received during interrogations by the Iranian authorities. **Zeynab Jalalian** was sentenced to death for her alleged membership of Party For Free Life of Kurdistan (PJAK). She was not granted access to a lawyer during her trial, which she says lasted only a few minutes. **Zeynab Jalalian** death sentence was commuted and reduced to life imprisonment in late November 2011.

I call on you to ensure that **Zeynab Jalalian** is protected from torture and other ill-treatment; and is granted all necessary medical treatment she may require, including treatment at a medical facility outside the prison if required.

Furthermore I ask you to allow her regular visits from her family.

I am urging that she is granted a re-trial that complies with international standards for fair trial and to disregard any evidence obtained under torture or other ill-treatment.

Yours sincerely

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