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MEDICAL LETTER-WRITING ACTION

AMPUTATIONS IN IRAN

Appeals are requested from medical professionals following reports of two amputations having been carried out in the month of October. Please see the external information attached.

Please write on professional headed paper in your personal professional capacity, without mention of AI.

- . express concern at continued reports of amputations, stating that you hold amputation to be a cruel and degrading punishment which violates international standards of human rights
- . note that Parviz Mansouri, who was reported on 4 October as having undergone amputation, was also sentenced to a term of imprisonment
- . ask whether it is usual in Iran for a convicted prisoner to undergo amputation in addition to receiving a sentence of imprisonment and seek information on the number of amputations which have been carried out over the last year
- . ask who performs the amputations and whether a doctor or other health professional is present

Note: The attached external information mentions a convicted thief receiving 60 lashes for his part in a theft for which Parviz Mansouri was sentenced to amputation. While AI opposes flogging as a cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment, no action is requested on this form of punishment at the moment. The IS plans to issue an action on floggings in Iran in the near future.

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