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To: All MERAN Coordinators for action
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SECOND UPDATE TO MERAN 01/89

Country: Iran

AI Concern: Political executions

Recommended actions:

To mark the 10th anniversary of the Iranian Revolution on 11 February 1989, large-scale prisoner amnesties have been announced by the Iranian authorities, including a general amnesty for political prisoners. Further details are given in a Weekly Update item issued by AI in response to this announcement, which is enclosed for your information.

Please continue your appeals to the Iranian authorities about the recent political executions as indicated in MERAN 01/89. AI's concerns have not changed, but based on the Weekly Update item in your future appeals you may:

- welcome the general amnesty announced and express the hope that it means an end to the execution of political prisoners in Iran,
- express your regret that this has come too late to save the lives of more than 1200 political prisoners believed by AI to have been executed since the beginning of August 1988,
- urge that any death sentences outstanding against any of the 900 political prisoners excluded from the amnesty be commuted.

The enclosed Weekly Update item is external, and may also be used to respond to inquiries from the public about AI's reaction to the amnesty.

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