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Deputy Secretary General for Political Affairs

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Thank you for your letter of 29 March 2016 to the EU High Representative Federica Mogherini, who asked me reply on her behalf.

The case of Dr Mohammad Hossein Rafiee-Fanood, a 71 year old Iranian Chemistry Professor imprisoned in Iran for allegedly having expressed his political views publically, has been brought to our attention for the first time. The EU has no presence in Iran but I can assure you that we have conveyed the information via the local diplomatic channels with the request to obtain more details and monitor closely the situation of Dr Mohammad Hossein Rafiee-Fanood.

I would like to reassure you that the European Union follows very closely the situation of Human Rights and fundamental freedoms in Iran and will continue to raise attention to the lack of freedom of expression, be it at the UN or at individual case level.

Sincerely Yours,

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