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Federica Mogherini

High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission

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*Dear Federica,*

I would like to bring to your attention the case of Kamran Ghaderi, an Austrian-Iranian businessperson who has been detained in Iran since 2 January 2016.

According to his family, Mr. Ghaderi was arbitrarily arrested at the airport in Teheran, Iran, where he went for a business trip. After three months of isolation and torture, Mr. Ghaderi signed a confession admitting he was a spy working for Austria, and ten days later, a confession admitting he was a spy working for the United States. Once in court, Mr. Ghaderi denied these allegations and his lawyer argued they were signed under duress. However, he was still sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Mr. Ghaderi is now being denied medical treatment. His physical and mental conditions have gravely deteriorated during these three years, despite being granted spine operations in February 2018. Mr. Ghaderi is currently suffering from a tumour in his left leg, detected in September 2017, for which his three requests for treatment were denied.

In light of these facts, I urge you to look into Mr. Ghaderi's case, which had already been mentioned in a Motion for Resolution with request for inclusion in the agenda for a debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law on the situation of imprisoned EU-Iranian dual nationals in Iran (2018/2717(RSP))<sup>1</sup> and to put pressure on local authorities to assist Mr. Ghaderi in his medical needs. I also urge you to demand the release of Mr. Ghaderi and all dual-citizens who were unfairly sentenced.

*with my best wishes for 2019!*

*Yours  
Ana Gomes*

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=MOTION&reference=B8-2018-0256&language=EN>

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