Minister of Health

Dr Saeed Namaki

The headquarters building (Sakhteman-e Setad-e Markazi)

Ivanak Boulevard, Farahzadi Boulevard, Qods Town Tehran, Iran

**Copy to:**

Ambassade van de Islamitische Republiek Iran

His Excellency Mr. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ali Reza Kazemi Abadi

Duinweg 20

2585 JX Den Haag

Fax: +31 70 350 32 24

E-mail: iranemb.lhy@mfa.gov.ir

(Plaats, datum)

Dear Dr. Saeed Namaki,

Please allow me to draw your attention to the following. I am concerned about the life of critically ill Arash Sadeghi, imprisoned in Raja’i Shahr prison in Karaj. He is being tortured through the intentional and purposeful denial of his access to cancer treatment, causing him severe pain and suffering. His life is being put at risk, apparently to punish him for his high-profile activism as human rights defender.

For this reason, I kindly urge you to immediately provide Arash Sadeghi, at the state’s expense, with the specialized medical care he needs at the appropriate medical centre outside prison, including cancer treatment.

I further call on you to release him immediately and unconditionally, as he is a prisoner of conscience held solely for peacefully exercising his rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly.

Finally, I urge you to initiate an independent and efficient investigation into Arash Sadeghi’s torture and bring those responsible for persistently denying him medical care to justice in proceedings that meet international fair trial standards.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am kindly awaiting your reply.

Yours sincerely,

(Naam, adres)