

## Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders A/HRC/31/55/Add.1 para 290

### Full recommendation:

*The Special Rapporteur strongly urges the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to fully cooperate with the mandates of the Special Rapporteur in the future, particularly due to the serious allegations addressed, and to provide information on the communications sent.*

### Assessment

The UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders (HRDs) sent a total of 11 communications over the 2015 reporting period.<sup>1</sup> The Government of the Republic of Iran responded to six of them (to one on 25 November 2015<sup>2</sup> and to five on 16 March 2016<sup>3</sup>). Replies from the Iranian Government mostly refuted the alleged facts in the communications of the Special Rapporteur. In its replies, the Government maintained that charges held against the HRDs had nothing to do with their ‘lawful activities’ and that legal procedures respected Iranian due process.

With regards to subsequent cooperation with the mandates of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of HRDs, as of February 2021, the Government responded to 8 out of the 9 communications sent in 2016, 3 out of the 4 communications sent in 2017, 3 out of the 8 communications sent in 2018, 4 out of the 5 communications sent in 2019, 1 out of the 4 communications sent in 2020.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 2015 Annual Report of the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G16/033/70/PDF/G1603370.pdf?OpenElement> an additional communication was sent following the publication of the annual report IRN 23/2015

<https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadPublicCommunicationFile?gId=15694>

<sup>2</sup> Reply of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to communication, IRN 18/2015,

<https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadFile?gId=32751>

<sup>3</sup> Reply of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to communication IRN 1/2015,

<https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadFile?gId=32484>

Reply of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to communication IRN 5/2015,

<https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadFile?gId=31626>

Replies of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to communication IRN 6/2015,

<https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadFile?gId=32075> and

<https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadFile?gId=32076>

Reply of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to communication IRN 9/2015,

<https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadFile?gId=32697>

Reply of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to communication IRN 20/2015,

<https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadFile?gId=31864> and

<https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadFile?gId=31865>

<sup>4</sup> Communications sent by UN Human Rights Special Procedures and Government’s replies can be found in the following online database: <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/Tmsearch/TMDocuments>

Considering the above, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has not been fully cooperating with the mandates of the Special Rapporteur and has not responded to all the communications sent.

Recommendation Status:

This recommendation has been **PARTIALLY** implemented.