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ISLAMIC REPUBLIC IRAN

No Death penalty against the Iranian Christian convertant and human rights activist  
Yousef Naderkhani for "Apostasy"

Excellency,

The Iranian Christian convert and human rights activist **Yousef Naderkhani** (35) from Rasht, member of "Only Jesus-Church", was arrested on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 and is supposed to be jailed in "Rasht-Lakan-prison" until today.

Yousef Naderkhani was sentenced to death because he converted from Islam to Christianity at the age of 19. Ever since he has been protesting against obligatory Islam lessons in Iranian schools. He is also supposed to have been ill-treated and tortured during his arrest. The Iranian Supreme Court in Qom and the appeals court in Rasht confirmed at the end of June 2011 the verdict against Yousef Naderkhani so that the execution can be carried out unless Mr. Naderkhani repents (i.e. renounces Christianity).

I am very concerned about Mr. Naderkhani and urgently ask you to overturn this decision und set him free immediately. In addition to this I urge you to initiate a prompt investigation into the ill-treatment and torture accusations.

Yours sincerely,