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Your Excellency, Ayatollah Khamenei and Ayatollah Raisi

Re: Dr Ahmadreza Djalali

We are writing on behalf of the British Medical Association to express our deep collective abhorrence at the treatment of Dr Ahmadreza Djalali. According to United Nations experts, Dr Djalali is in a critical condition, likely nearing death, while still being held in solitary confinement and subject to ongoing threats of immediate execution. International experts, including Amnesty International, agree that the charges against him are spurious, and based on a confession extracted under torture.

We understand that the impact of over 100 days of solitary confinement, including sustained attempts to prevent him sleeping, have rendered him almost incapable of speaking and subject to dangerous and rapid weight loss. We concur with international human rights experts in denouncing such treatment as torture.

The treatment that Dr Djalali is subject to is in clear violation of all relevant international legal and human rights norms and is an affront to humanity globally. We therefore join with all our international medical colleagues, including the World Medical Association, of which the BMA is a member, in denouncing the treatment of Dr Djalali, and demanding his immediate release and a return to his family in Sweden.

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Yours sincerely,

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Handwritten signature of Kitty Mohan in black ink.

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