



G7 Bars meeting

Resolution of the Bar Associations and Law Societies in G7 Countries

Demanding the immediate release of the Iranian lawyer, Nasrin Sotoudeh

We, the representatives of the bar associations in the G7 countries;

Meeting in Paris on July 11th and 12th, 2019, for the G7 Bars meeting;

1. **DEEPLY CONCERNED** about the conviction and sentencing to 33 years in prison and 148 lashes, on March 8th, 2019, against Nasrin Sotoudeh, Iranian lawyer registered at the Tehran bar. She has been criminalized for defending fundamental rights in her country, including for publicly showing her opposition against the obligation to wear a veil/hijab.
2. **ALARMED** by the fact that the sentence imposed constitutes cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment, meeting the threshold of torture.
3. **RECOGNISING** that Nasrin Sotoudeh is being criminalised for carrying out her professional duties as a lawyer and her work to defend fundamental rights, especially women's rights;
4. **MANIFESTING** our absolute support to Nasrin Sotoudeh, winner of the Sakharov award and the Ludovic Trarieux prize, and expressing our deep concern for her physical integrity, as well as her psychological well-being;
5. **SUPPORTING** lawyers' mobilizations that have taken, and are still taking place, everywhere in Europe and around the world, to demand the freedom of our colleague Nasrin Sotoudeh;
6. **REMINDING** Iran of its international legal obligations under the **International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, ratified by Iran on 24 June 1975, to respect the right to life and the prohibition of torture, as well as other instruments such as** the UN Basic Principles on the Role of Lawyers prohibiting improper interference and harassment of lawyers;
7. **REMINDING** that, in accordance with the UN Basic Principles on the Role of Lawyers lawyers shall not be intimidated, harassed, or prosecuted because of the cases they work on or the clients they represent. Lawyers shall not be identified with their clients or their clients' causes;
8. **DEMAND** the immediate and unconditional formal pardon of Nasrin Sotoudeh, as well as exercise of the power to restore Nasrin Sotoudeh's freedom by strongly condemning the basis for the criminal proceedings;



9. **URGE** our respective governments, as well as international institutions, to take all appropriate measures at their disposal to obtain the immediate and unconditional release of Nasrin Sotoudeh.

The Bar associations and Law societies in G7 Countries will continue to monitor the situation of Nasrin Sotoudeh.

Signed in Paris, the 11th July 2019

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Conseil national des barreaux

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Ray Adlington
Canadian Bar Association

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Edith Kindermann
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Law Society of England and Wales

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Salvatore Sica
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