To Head of the Iranian Judiciary Mr. Larijani

Two months ago, we learned that our Iranian Kurdish Colleague Keywan Karimi got sentenced with 6 years of prison and 223 lashes for ‘propagating against the Regime’ and ‘insulting religious sanctities’ because of his movie ‘Writing on the City’. Already in 2013 Karimi was imprisoned in solitary confinement for two weeks, then released under house arrest surveillance and bail, preventing him thus from leaving the country.

Last week, he was received by the Court of Appeal in a way that allows us to hope for a change of sentence in his favor. .Artist like him work to try to show the reality and make life beautiful and tolerable for humans, and we are sure Keywan Karimi is following this path with his films. In this day and age the world is full of violence, and we think that government and citizens should work closer together instead of encouraging more violence with weapons and nourishing fear, that are a threat to all of us. In the urgency to save Keywan Karimi from the severity of this sentence, we need to mobilize the public opinion, regardless of nationality and religion as your great poet Sadi said :

If one member is afflicted with pain,

Other members uneasy will remain.

If you have no sympathy for human pain,

The name of human you cannot retain.

Hereby we ask you to act immediately in the exercise of your duties so that this punishment is cancelled and Keywan Karimi can travel without fear and continue his work.  
  
Please accept the assurance of our highest consideration

Signatures by colleagues of Keywan Karimi from all over the world

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