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Dear Prof. Ganji,

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 14 March 2007 addressed to the High Commissioner for Human Rights concerning the recent teachers' strikes in Iran.

I thank you for sharing your concerns and thoughts with OHCHR about teachers' conditions in Iran. As you perhaps know, OHCHR is closely monitoring the human rights situation in Iran, including the teachers' rights movement. Further, I would like to inform you that OHCHR attaches equal importance to economic, social and cultural rights as well as to civil and political rights.

Meanwhile, OHCHR shared your letter with the Special Rapporteur on the right to education of the Human Rights Council for appropriate action to be taken within the parameters of his mandate.

Allow me to take this opportunity to commend your efforts for the protection of teachers' rights.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely,

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