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Your Excellencies:

The writers of the Mexico chapters of International PEN, the largest worldwide association of writers, are increasingly worried about our Iranian Kurdish colleague, **Adnan Hassanpour**, whose death sentence, handed down to him on July 16, was confirmed by the Supreme Court on October 22, 2007.

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Adnan Hassanpour has not been charged with any sort of violence. The Islamic Republic of Iran is a signatory to the United Nations International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights, which in its Article 19 guarantees freedom of expression. Since our colleague has not committed any act of violence, not only should he not be put to death, we believe he should be freed immediately. We also seek reassurance that **Adnan Hassanpour** is being well-treated in detention.

We are concerned about an apparent pattern of problems for Iranian journalists and writers, especially Kurdish ones. We call for increased protection and tolerance for all our writer and journalist colleagues everywhere in Iran.

My colleagues, fellow writers from the Centers in Mexico of International PEN, join with me in continuing to plead for Mr. **Adnan Hassanpour**.

Sincerely,

International Vice-President
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cc. His Excellency Mahmoud Ahmadinejad
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