

Your Excellency,

I respectfully call on the Iraqi authorities not to proceed with the executions of Manaf ‘Abdulrahim ‘Abdulhamid ‘Issa al-Rawi, Mohammad Nouri Matar Yassin, Ibrahim ‘Abdulqader ‘Ali ‘Antik, Safa Ahmad ‘Abul’aziz ‘Abdullah and Mohammad Jaber Tawfiq ‘Obaid.

I further urge the authorities to overturn the death sentence against ‘Abdullah ‘Azzam Saleh Musfer al-Qahtani.

I would like to express my grave concern that the six men may not have received a fair trial in line with international standards and consular assistance.

I strongly urge the authorities to declare an official moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty, and to commute without delay all death sentences.

I recognize governments have an obligation to bring to justice those responsible for serious crimes. But the death penalty violates the right to life and is the ultimate cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment.

Sincerely yours,