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For the attention of
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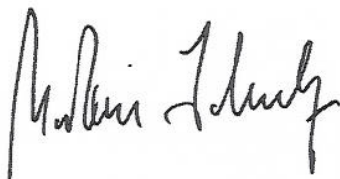
Brussels, 22.02.07

Dear Mr President

I am writing to you in respect of the cases of Mrs Samar Sa'ad 'Abdullah, Wassan Talib, Zeynab Fadhil and Liqa' Qamar. These four Iraqi women have been sentenced to hang in the next few days. The first is in "imminent danger of execution", according to Amnesty International's report of 9 February.

I want to recall you that the European Union is opposed to death penalty and I would strongly encourage you to contemplate abolishing such a penalty once the conditions are met in your country. For the present time, in your capacity as the Iraqi President, you have the power to pardon these women or commute their sentences. I am kindly and respectfully asking you to consider doing so with regards to these four women.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.



Martin Schulz