

Your Excellency,

Women’s rights defender **Yasaman Aryani** was arrested by security forces on April 10, 2019, after a video showing her, along with other women without their headscarves, distributing flowers to passengers in the Tehran metro to celebrate 8 March, went viral. The 31 July Yasaman Aryani and her mother Monireh Arabshahi were sentenced to 16 years in prison, reduced to 10 years on appeal.

We, the undersigned, urge your Excellency to release Yasaman Aryani and her mother Monireh Arabshahi immediately and unconditionally, as they are prisoners of conscience, targeted solely for peacefully having exercised their right to freedom of expression.



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Respectfully,

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