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Mr. Mansour Jafarian legal experience spans more than 30 years and includes jurisdictions extending from his original Iran, United Nations Field Missions in Afghanistan and Kosovo, and the USA where he currently resides. He practised commercial law and litigation in Iran between 1987 and 2006, during which period he was also Director of the Legal Studies Office in the Iranian Parliament; and Assistant Professor at Azad University where he taught international law, comparative law and international arbitration and contracts.

Between 2006-2011 he served with UNAMA, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan as Deputy Legal Advisor to the UN Special Representative, where his duties included liaising and guiding high ranking Afghan authorities in the Afghan Supreme Court, the Attorney-General, and Ministers of Justice, Foreign Affairs, and the Afghan Bar Association. Between 2011 and 2017 he served as Legal Officer with UNMIK, the UN Executive Authority Mission in Kosovo where he handled numerous high profile matters in behalf of the United Nations. Mr Jafarian has lectured diplomats for the *Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law* in public international law, and law of treaties; and has extensive publications to his name on Iranian, Afghan, and international arbitration law; and regularly lectures at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) on Iranian Law, the United Nations, international sanctions regimes, and the status of women in Iran.

Mr Jafarian holds LLB and LLM from Shaheed Beheshti University in Iran, a LLM in US Law Studies and a Juris Doctor from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis MO. USA. He is a member of the Iranian Bar Association; is a registered Foreign Law Consultant with the California Bar Association; and is a recognized expert on Islamic Law. He is fluent in English, Farsi and Dari, and has a good working command of Arabic.

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