Amnesty International believes it is not now safe for Mr Yadegary to be returned to Iran, and any such return would see New Zealand being in breach of its international human rights obligations.

Amnesty International therefore supports Mr Yadegary's immediate removal from prison and for him to be provided with a "complimentary form of protection", which would allow him to reside and work in New Zealand until such time as it is safe for him to return home".

Amnesty International is a respected and a highly regarded human rights organisation.

In light of this latest letter from Amnesty International it is submitted that our client's indefinite detention is unfair, unreasonable and unlawful.

It is submitted that this also means that there is an objective basis for Mr Yadegary's refusal to sign travel documentation which would facilitate his return to a perilous situation in Iran.

In view of the latest information from Amnesty International, we humbly ask that the Honourable Minister reconsiders his decision. We also request that urgency be afforded to this matter and advise that if we do not hear back from the Minister's office within seven days of the date of this letter, we will advise our client of his further options.

Yours faithfully RYKEN AND ASSOCIATES

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