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**STATEMENT FROM THOMSON REUTERS FOUNDATION CEO
MONIQUE VILLA IN RESPONSE TO THE DETENTION OF
NAZANIN ZAGHARI-RATCLIFFE IN IRAN:**

“Nazanin has been working at the Thomson Reuters Foundation for the past four years as a project coordinator in charge of grants applications and training. At the Thomson Reuters Foundation she has no professional dealings with Iran whatsoever. In fact, the Thomson Reuters Foundation has no dealings with Iran and does not operate in the country. Nazanin had travelled to Tehran in a private capacity. We are in close contact with her family. We cannot understand the reason for her detention and hope the matter will be resolved as soon as possible”.

Monique Villa, Thomson Reuters Foundation CEO