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Death sentence for member teachers' union

Dear Minister,

The International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), which represents more than 168 million workers through its 311 affiliates in 155 countries and territories, hereby adds its voice to the Iranian Teachers' Association (ITA), Education International (EI) and Public Services International (PSI) to protest at the situation of Mr. **Farzad Kamangar**, a 32 year-old school teacher who was sentenced to death on 25 February 2008 by the Tehran Revolutionary Court on charges of, a.o., "endangering national security" and "enmity against God".

Mr. Kamangar has worked for 12 years as a teacher in Kamyaran and was a member of the Kurdish Teachers Trade Association (KTTA). He was also in charge of public relations for the union until it was outlawed. Farzad Kamangar also engaged in defending human rights, minority rights and women's rights.

According to his lawyer, the judicial process did not meet Iranian legal requirements, and the charges of "enmity against God" could not be substantiated. Farzad Kamangar has been held incommunicado at a series of locations: in Sanandaj in Kurdistan, in Kermanshah, in Evin prison, and currently in the Rajaishahr prison in Karaj. According to our information, he has been frequently tortured. He is currently being detained with dangerous criminals and fears for his security as well as his health, given the high prevalence of HIV and hepatitis B in the prison.

The ITUC hereby urges you to ensure that the case of Farzad Kamangar be re-examined through a fair trial which meets Iranian and international standards and that Farzad Kamangar's death sentence be commuted immediately, as the application of the death penalty is irreparable, and no judicial system should run the risk of condemning an innocent person.

Yours sincerely,

General Secretary

