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**Imminent execution of Farzad Kamangar**

Your Excellency Ayatollah Khamenei,

I am writing to you on behalf of the International Trade Union Confederation, which represents 168 million workers across the world, including in many Islamic countries, to appeal to your good offices to stay the execution of **Farzad Kamangar**.

The ITUC has been informed by Education International that he has been taken from his cell 121 in ward 209 of Tehran's Evin prison in preparation for execution. Jail security officers are said to have told him he is about to be executed whilst making fun of him and calling him a martyr.

The ITUC is very concerned about this development, and would like to bring to your urgent attention, that although Mr. Kamangar has been sentenced to death on 25 February 2008 by the Revolutionary Court of Tehran. His lawyer has said: "Nothing in Kamangar's judicial files and records demonstrates any links to the charges brought against him." Kamangar was cleared of all charges during the investigation process.

Despite this Kamangar has been kept in prison and was seen for the last time, as he was at the health clinic of Evin prison and his physical condition was reported to be poor. Witnesses testified that he had been beaten and Mr. Kamangar has not been allowed to see his lawyer or family members for the past two months.

EI has been appealing to the Iranian authorities to commute Kamangar's death sentence and ensure his case is reviewed fairly, and has led a campaign, with over 1,700 on-line messages appealing to President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to ensure a fair trial of Mr. Kamangar. EI has also appealed repeatedly to Iranian judicial authorities to halt the execution, up till now with no avail.

The ITUC is therefore appealing to you directly to use your good offices to stay the execution of Mr. Kamangar, a 32 year-old school teacher, who has devoted his loyal service to the education of children for 12 years in Kamyaran. He was also a member of the Kurdish Teachers Trade Association (KTIA), and in charge of public relations for the union, in order to help improve working conditions for teachers in the region.

The international reputation of the Islamic Republic of Iran would be tarnished by executing a peaceful teacher based on an unfair trial, and we strongly urge you to show mercy and pardon Mr. Kamangar, so he can be released from prison and continue his important work of educating Iranian children and improving working conditions for workers in Iran.

I trust that your intervention in this case will be important to ensure the right to life and freedom of Mr. Kamangar.

Yours sincerely,

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