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Denial of urgent medical treatment for Mansour Osanloo

Dear President,

The International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), representing 305 trade union organisations, with a total membership of 168 million workers in 153 countries and territories, is outraged at the news that Mansour Osanloo, the President of the Sandikaye Kargarane Sherkat-e Vahed (Syndicate of Workers of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company) has been denied the medical treatment he needed and is blind in one eye as a result.

Mansour Osanloo's eyes were damaged when he was assaulted by government security forces in 2005. Although the doctor at Evin prison recently warned Mr. Osanloo could go blind without urgent treatment, he has received no medical care. We hold the Evin prison authorities and your government directly responsible for the loss of his sight in one eye.

The ITUC has protested to your government repeatedly about the persecution of Mansour Osanloo and other trade unionists, to no avail. The Islamic Republic of Iran has consistently failed in its international obligations, both as a state party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and a member of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), to respect the principle of freedom of association.

We urge you Mr. President to order the immediate and unconditional release of Mansour Osanloo and to ensure that he is able to receive all the medical treatment he needs. We also urge you to release Ebrahim Madadi and all those held in prison for carrying out legitimate trade union activities, before any further harm is done.

Yours sincerely,


General Secretary

Cc.: His Eminence Ayatollah Khamenei, the leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran

