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The execution of Farzad Kamangar

Supreme Leader,

I am writing to you on behalf of the International Trade Union Confederation, which represents 176 million workers around the world, to let you know that I am appalled by the recent execution of the teacher and trade unionist Farzad Kamangar.

The ITUC has been informed that Farzad Kamangar, together with four other prisoners, was executed on Sunday 9 May. Farzad Kamangar, was sentenced after a court process, which did not meet international or Iranian standards for a fair trial.

The ITUC is opposed to the death penalty and unequivocally condemns the execution. It also denounces the inhumane treatment of Farzad Kamangar's family, who were not informed before the execution took place. On Mother's day his mother was not even allowed to say goodbye to him.

In previous letters to you I denounced the intensification of repression against unionists and all Iranians, who do not share the views of the government. The brutal execution of Farzad Kamangar confirms the repressive nature of Iranian authorities. It is showing your government's complete lack of respect for international obligations.

I urge you to halt any further escalation of trade union repression and human rights abuses against trade union members. The ITUC will complain to the ILO Committee on Freedom of Association about this gross violation of the principles of the ILO and it will call on all of its affiliates across the entire world to denounce this inhumane act, and show solidarity with our Iranian brothers and sisters.

Yours sincerely,

General Secretary