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Re: Execution of Iranian teacher trade unionist Farzad Kamangar

Excellency:

I am writing to you on behalf of the **Canadian Teachers' Federation** who represents nearly 200,000 elementary and secondary school teachers across Canada to strongly condemn the execution of the Kurdish teacher trade unionist Farzad Kamangar on May 9, 2010.

Despite the evident lack of independent inquiry into the allegations, the absence of a fair judicial process, the fact that Mr. Kamangar's appeal was still to be reviewed by the Supreme Court, though Mr. Kamangar's lawyer had been told that the file had been lost, Mr. Kamangar has still been executed. I denounce this inhumane treatment of Farzad Kamangar, and the fact that neither his family, nor his lawyer, were informed about the execution.

This brutal execution raises anxiety about the fate of other detained teacher unionists, such as **Rasoul Bodaghi, Hashem Khastar, Bahman Goudarzzade and Abdolresa Ghanbari**. This execution will also intensify the already pervasive climate of fear and persecution surrounding trade union activities in Iran.

The **Canadian Teachers' Federation** urges the Iranian authorities to:

- Investigate the legal framework of the execution of Farzad Kamangar and clarify why his file was not reviewed by the Supreme Court in accordance with national law;
- Ensure, in law and practice, all guarantees of due process of law established in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, including the principle of presumption of innocence and elimination of torture and ill-treatment in prison;
- Respect the full exercise of the right to freedom of expression and rights to association and assembly, as recommended by the Committee on Freedom of Association of the International Labour Organisation;
- Announce a moratorium on executions.

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I look forward to hearing about your positive intervention on this very serious matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. J. Donnelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

CTF President

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