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Dear President Ahmadjinejad

We have been informed by the International Transport Workers' Federation - ITF, that the Vahed bus workers' union President, Mansour Osanloo, was abducted by unidentified assailants as he was leaving a Vahed Company bus near his home.

After two days of denying all knowledge of his whereabouts, the authorities in Iran, admitted that Mansour Osanloo was being held in Evin Prison. Mr. Osanloo has reportedly been charged with "conspiring against national security" and his file is apparently being handled by Iran's intelligence services.

Trade union leaders from all regions of the world have pledged their support to the Sherkat-e-Vahed trade union and Mr. Osanloo himself.

By virtue of its membership of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) the Islamic Republic of Iran is legally bound to respect its core principles including the principle of the freedom of association. The Ministry of Labour has repeatedly reassured the ITUC (then-ICFTU) and the ITF that it is committed to workers' rights and dialogue with the international trade union movement.

We wish to join the The International Transport Workers' Federation, the ITUC and the entire global trade union movement in strongly urging your government to release Ebrahim Madadi, Mohsen Hakimi, Bijan Amiri as well as Mansour Osanloo and Farzad Kamangar immediately and unconditionally. There is reason to have concern about Osanloo's health as we have received reports that he has not been given adequate medical treatment.

I therefore urge your government to take every possible step to ensure the safety of Mr. Osanloo and do all in your power to secure his immediate release.

Yours sincerely



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