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**DETAINED TRADE UNION LEADERS NEED MEDICAL ATTENTION
IRAN**

Dear President,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions, which represents 865.000 workers, to protest against the continued imprisonment of Mansour Osanloo, Ebrahim Madadi, Farzad Kamangar and other trade union activists.

The Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions has been informed by the ITUC (International Trade Union Confederation) that Mansour Osanloo, the President of the Sherkat-e Vahed Syndicate, is in Reja'i Shahr prison, West of Tehran, placed among prisoners who have been convicted of crimes such as murder, rather than among political prisoners.

He has been denied permission to leave the prison for treatment on several occasions. Despite the recommendation by doctors at the Raja'i Shahr Prison that he be treated outside the prison, the authorities continue to refuse.

Ebrahim Madadi, the Vice President of the union, remains in prison since December 2008, and his health deteriorated during earlier periods of detention.

Teacher and trade union member Farzad Kamangar has been sentenced without any evidence.

As this is not the first time Mr. Osanloo and other trade unionists are imprisoned, the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions is concerned that they are held solely on account of their peaceful trade union activities.

We would like to remind you of the obligations of Iran under ICCPR Article 22 (1) and ILO conventions 87 and 98, which provide for the right to form and join trade unions, and hence urge you to release the trade unionists immediately and unconditionally,

I trust that you will pay attention to this important matter.

Yours sincerely
THE NORWEGIAN CONFEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS

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