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Mr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad,
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Detained trade union leaders need medical attention

Dear President,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO-Sweden), which represents 1,6 million workers, to protest against the continued imprisonment of Mansour Osanloo, Ebrahim Madadi, Farzad Kamangar and other trade union activists.

The Swedish Trade Union Confederation has been informed by the ITUC 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.

The Swedish Trade Union Confederation would like to remind you that Iran is under an obligation to respect the principle of freedom of association through its membership of the International Labour Organisation. It urges you to release all imprisoned trade unionists immediately.

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

Yours sincerely

The Swedish Trade Union Confederation

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