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Leader of the Islamic Republic  
His Excellency Ayatollah Sayed 'Ali  
Khamenei  
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Tehran,  
Islamic Republic of Iran

### **Imminent execution of Farzad Kamangar**

Your Excellency Ayatollah Khamenei,

I am writing to you on behalf of the The Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO), to appeal to your good offices to stay the execution of Farzad Kamangar.

The Swedish Trade Union Confederation has been informed that he has been taken from his cell in preparation for execution. Jail security officers are said to have told him he is about to be executed whilst making fun of him and calling him a martyr.

The Swedish Trade Union Confederation is very concerned about this development, and would like to bring to your urgent attention, that although Mr. Kamangar has been sentenced to death on 25 February 2008 by the Revolutionary Court of Tehran, his lawyer has said: "*Nothing in Kamangar's judicial files and records demonstrates any links to the charges brought against him.*" Mr. Kamangar was cleared of all charges during the investigation process.

Despite this, he has been kept in prison. He was seen for the last time at Evin prison's health clinic and his physical condition was reported to be poor. Witnesses testified that he had been beaten and Mr. Kamangar has not been allowed to see his lawyer or family members for the past two months.

Education International (EI) has been appealing to the Iranian authorities to commute Mr. Kamangar's death sentence and ensure his case is reviewed fairly, and has led a campaign, with over 1,700 on-line messages appealing

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to President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to ensure a fair trial. EI has also appealed repeatedly to Iranian judicial authorities to halt the execution, up till now to no avail.

The Swedish Trade Union Confederation is therefore appealing to you directly to use your good offices to stay the execution of Mr. Kamangar, a 32 year-old school teacher, who has been devoting his loyal service to the education of children in Kamyaran for twelve years now. He was also a member of the Kurdish Teachers Trade Association (KTTA), and in charge of public relations for the union, in order to help improve working conditions for teachers in the region.

The international reputation of the Islamic Republic of Iran would be tarnished by executing a peaceful teacher based on an unfair trial, and we strongly urge you to show mercy and pardon Mr. Kamangar, so he can be released from prison and continue his important work of educating Iranian children and improving working conditions for workers in Iran.

The Swedish Trade Union Confederation also requests that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran follows the specific request by the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization, which on the 19th of March 2008 adopted the Report by the Committee on Freedom of Association (case 2566) and thereby "urges the Government to immediately stay the execution of Farzad Kamangar's death sentence, annul his conviction and secure his release from detention"

I trust that your intervention in this case will be important to ensure the right to life and freedom of Mr. Kamangar.

Yours sincerely,  
THE SWEDISH TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (LO)

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