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Mr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad,  
President of the Islamic Republic of Iran  
Palestine Avenue, Azerbaijan Intersection  
Tehran, Iran

**Concerning violation of trade union rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran and the imprisonment of Mr. Mahmoud Salehi and Mr. Mansour Osanloo.**

The Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO) is concerned by the continuous deterioration in the situation of trade union and other fundamental human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran. For the past years it has received reports of arrests operated by your Government against trade unionists in various cities of Iran.

LO is unhappy about the continuous imprisonment of **Mahmoud Salehi**, a founding member of the Committee of the Trade Association of Bakery Workers of the city of Saez (Kurdistan Province), and founding member and spokesperson of The Coordinating Committee to Form Workers' Organizations. The health condition of Mahmoud Salehi is quickly deteriorating.

**Mansour Osanloo**, the President of the Sandikaye Kargarane Sherkate Vahed (Syndicate of Workers of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company) was abducted, while traveling on a Tehran bus on 10 July. He is now back in the notorious Evin Prison and has reportedly been charged with “conspiring against national security” for activities the International Trade Union Confederation considers as normal trade union activities.

On behalf of LO and the almost two millions of workers whom it represents throughout Sweden I urge, you Mr. President, to intervene with the relevant authorities in order that **Mahmoud Salehi** and **Mansour Osanloo** are to be immediately released and that all charges against them are being dropped unconditionally and permanently, and that state repression of trade union rights cease in Iran once and for all.

Yours sincerely  
THE SWEDISH TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION

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President