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Mr Ambassador,

With approximately 390 000 members, Unio is Norway's second largest confederation of unions. We consist of 14 national affiliates which are organized according to profession. Unio's members are university or college educated, and most work in the public sector. We are deeply concerned with the situation in Iran regarding basic human rights.

The unjust arrest and death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini six weeks ago was followed by peaceful demonstrations and protests. The protesters have been met with violence and more unjust arrests from the Iranian authorities. This is well documented despite the regime's attempt to block internet and censor social media.

Many people have been killed because of the Iranian authorities attempt to prevent the protesters from exercising their right to free speech. The resistance is led by brave women and girls who, at great risk to themselves, wish to bring an end to the violence and the repression being perpetrated by the Iranian authorities.

Unio stand together with all those who are mourning Mahsa Amini and expect the perpetrators to be held accountable. We strongly condemn the violence inflicted on protesters and the arrests of innocent Iranian citizens. Both the Norwegian Parliament and the Norwegian Government have condemned the brutal reactions from the Iranian authorities. The Norwegian Government recently decided to join the new EU-sanctions on Iran.

We wish to express our deepest concerns regarding the security of the protesters and urge the Iranian authorities to stop the violence and to respect basic human rights.

Kind regards,
Unio



Ragnhild Lied
President