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Dear David,

Farzad Kamangar: Iranian Kurdish Teacher Trades Unionist facing imminent execution

I am aware that the TUC has raised with you the desperate situation of the Iranian Kurdish Teacher Trades Unionist, Farzad Kamangar who faces imminent execution having committed no offence other than to engage in what would be in the United Kingdom, lawful trades' union activity. Farzad is deeply committed to education and to serving his fellow teacher trade unionists. Apparently, Farzad's peaceful democratic activity is perceived as threatening by the Iranian Government.

Farzad has already endured a long period of incarceration in the most appalling conditions and has been tortured in an attempt to force him to confess to "crimes" of which he is entirely innocent. We share with Education International the unequivocal and sincere belief that all of Farzad's activities have been peaceful and democratic. Can you please intervene with the Iranian regime to prevent his execution from taking place?

It would be most helpful if you could protest to the Iranian Ambassador in the United Kingdom and arrange for the British Embassy in Tehran to register similar protests.

General Secretary: Chris Keates (Ms)

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Education International is coordinating protests by Governments throughout the European Community. We honestly believe that together we can save the life of this inspiring, dedicated educator and trade unionist.

Many, many thanks for any urgent attention you might be able to give to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jerry Bartlett', written in a cursive style.

Jerry Bartlett
Deputy General Secretary, NASUWT
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cc Chris Keates, General Secretary NASUWT
Owen Tudor, TUC
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