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Your Excellencies,

Further to our letter of 6th February 2008, we now understand that Mr Mamoud Salehi, who is facing new charges and temporary arrest while still in prison, had commenced a hunger strike on 17 March 2008, following his removal from Sanandaj Prison.

I am respectfully writing this letter, on behalf of the Construction Forestry Mining & Energy Union, NSW Construction Branch, to strongly condemn the re-arresting Mr Salehi, who was due for release on Farvardin 4th, 1387 (March 23, 2008).

This trade union represents over 28,000 construction workers in the construction sector in New South Wales, Australia. The Branch takes an active interest in all matters to do with human rights across the world. We wish to express our deep and serious concerns regarding the health and well-being of Mr Salehi. We are also still deeply concerned about the continued well-being of Mansour Osaanlou and Ebraahim Madadi, as advised to you in our letter of November last year.

We are told that your government still refuses to recognize freedom of association and the right to organize and has systematically repressed all independent activities of workers and students.

This trade union Branch is therefore calling on your government to recognize workers' internationally-recognised rights to organise free and independent labour organisations, to allow the right to strike, as well as the just and fair democratic right of all students to protest. The CFMEU demands an immediate compliance by the Islamic Republic in Iran with political and social freedom and an immediate end of political and social repression in Iran.

This trade union Branch asks you to immediately release Mahmoud Salehi, Mansour Osanloo and Ebrahim Madadi unconditionally, as they are prisoners of conscience, detained solely for their labour activities.

The CFMEU also requests that all repressions and charges and sentences against all students and other labour activists, including members of Vahed syndicate and Unemployed Workers' Union and Haft Tapeh Workers, and the recently arrested students as listed, be dropped immediately, unequivocally, and permanently:

- Milad Moyini (Mazandaran University)
- Behrang Zandi (Mazandaran University)
- Hamed Mohammadi (Mazandaran University)
- Arash Pakzad (Mazandaran University)
- Hasan Maarefi (Mazandaran University)
- Anooshe Azadfar (Tehran University)
- Ilnaz Jamshidi (Communications, Azad University, Central Tehran)
- Mehdi Gerayloo (Geophysics, Tehran)
- Nader Ehsani (Mazandaran University)
- Sayid Habibi (ex-member of the Central Council of Advare Tahkime Vahdat)
- Behrooz Karimi-zade (Tehran University)
- Keyvan Amiri Elyasi (Masters, Industry, Sharif Technical University)
- Nasim Soltan Beygi (Communications faculty, Allameh University)
- Ali Salem (Masters of Polymers – Polytechnic University)
- Mohsen Ghamin (Polytechnic University)
- Roozbeh Saf-Shekan (Tehran University)
- Roozbehan Amiri (Computer Science, Tehran University)
- Yaser Pir Hayati (Shahed University)
- Mahsa Mohebbi - Okhtay Hosseni (Azad University)
- Sayid Agham Ali Khalili (Allameh University)
- Behzad Bagheri (Tehran University)
- Ali Kalayi
- Amir Mehrzad
- Hadi Salari (Rajaei University)
- Farshid Farhadi Ahangaran (Rajaei University)
- Amir Aghayi (Rajaei University)
- Milad Omrani
- Soroosh Hashempoor (Chamran University)
- Yoonas Mirhossein (Student of Shiraz University)
- Parsa Kermanjian (Kermanshah University)
- Abed Tavanche 33- Reza Arab (Mazandaran University)
- Sadra Pirhayaty (Shahed University)
- Peyman Piran
- Majid Ashrafnejad (Rajaei University)
- Shovan Merikhi (Mazandaran University)
- Sara Khademi (Mazandaran University)
- Nima Nahvi (Mazandaran University)

- **Mohammad Saleh Ayuman (Tehran Univercity)**
- **Sohrab Karimi (Tehran Univercity)**
- **Farshad Dustipoor (Tehran Univercity)**
- **Javad Alizadeh (Tehran Univercity)**

Yours sincerely,

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

PETER MCCLELLAND
State President