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Secretariat

Coordinating Council of Iranian Teacher Trade Associations (CCITTA)

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the 75,000 members of the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT), I am writing to express our solidarity with CCITTA and with all Iranian teachers, students and unionists.

As a member of Education International, the global federation representing over 33 million teachers and education workers in 180 countries and territories, we stand with you as you defend your rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly in the face of intimidation, arrests and reprisals.

We are horrified by the mass killings of civilians on January 8 and 9. We are also deeply alarmed by the regime's escalating repression, especially the suppression of peaceful protest and the systematic criminalization of trade unionists' and social activists' legitimate demands.

We are gravely concerned by reports of arbitrary arrests, torture, forced confessions, trials without legal counsel, physical and psychological abuse of detainees, prolonged solitary confinement, denial of medical care, and the deliberate targeting of minors, women, teacher unionists, physicians, health workers, and volunteers, as well as widespread internet shutdowns and communication blackouts.

Violent crackdowns have resulted in the confirmed killing of at least 152 children and nine teachers, including two women, and the detention of hundreds of children and at least thirteen teacher union activists, among them Abdullah Rezaei, CCITTA

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board member and General Secretary of the Teachers' Trade Association of Harsin in Kermanshah Province.

CAUT urges the Government to uphold Iran's international obligations, including the fundamental conventions of the International Labour Organization and the International Covenants on Civil, Political, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

We commend your courage and resilience in the face of these attacks on your rights and freedoms. We stand with you in your struggle for democracy, freedom of association, dignity and gender justice.

In solidarity,



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