To His Excellency Ayatollah Sayed ‘Ali Khamenei

Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran

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**[Date]**

**Freedom for Iranian teacher union leader Esmail Abdi**

Excellency,

**[Name of your organisation]** condemns the six-year jail sentence and the harsh detention conditions imposed on Esmail Abdi, a leader of the Tehran Teacher Trade Association. Mr. Abdi was sentenced last October to six years in jail on false charges by Branch 36 of the Appeal Court of Tehran.

Mr. Abdi has been on hunger strike since 30 April to protest the continued, unlawful repression of teachers and human rights defenders and the lack of independence of the judiciary in Iran. Reports also show that Mr. Abdi is kept in harsh detention conditions in the notorious Evin prison and that he is being denied communication with his family and lawyer. We have serious concerns about his safety and wellbeing.

**[Name of your organisation]** urges the Iranian authorities to:

* drop the unfounded charges against Mr. Abdi and take all necessary measures for his immediate and unconditional release;
* Respect the fundamental human and trade unions rights of all Iranian workers and public servants.

Yours sincerely,