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Emergency Resolution on Iran

For one month, Iran has been experiencing a nationwide wave of strikes and demonstrations from workers from across many sectors as well as students against the catastrophic economic situation, growing poverty, and above all aggressive repression against workers and leaders such as Ismael Bakhshi and Ali Nejati. The impact of US sanctions is exacerbating the poor management of the economy and it is workers who are paying the price. Jobs are being lost, and wage-poverty is hitting more and more occupational groups. Poverty is rampant.

Every strike, every legitimate claim, is described as an act against national security and is met with arrests, harassment and abuse.

The ITUC Congress in Copenhagen declares solidarity with all Iranian workers and students. We deplore the anti-worker policies of the Tehran regime, demand the immediate and unconditional release of our colleagues, and the recognition of independent trade unions and works councils as legitimate interest representation.

We call for the lifting of sanctions, full respect for workers' and other human rights in Iran, and will work with the Global Union Federations to ensure that justice is done for the working people of Iran.
