



President Masoud Pezeshkian  
Islamic Republic of Iran

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Dear Mr President Masoud Pezeshkian,

On behalf of the Dutch National Trade Union, FNV, with over 1 million members the largest trade Union in the Netherlands, I would like to address my concern to you regarding the violation of labour rights in Iran.

This is particularly the case of the Iranian labour rights activist Sharifeh Mohammadi. On 4 July, Sharifeh Mohammadi was sentenced to death. Her only 'crime' was defending civil rights and helping establish independent workers' organisations. She has been behind bars since 5 December 2023 and has been mistreated in various ways since then. According to our information she has been held in confinement in an isolation cell for several months, she has not been able to receive visits from her family, especially her young child and has been the victim of torture.

We would like to urge you to ensure that:

- Sharifeh Mohammadi death sentence is overturned and is released immediately and unconditionally as she is a prisoners of conscience, jailed solely for peacefully exercising her (labour) rights to freedom of association and assembly and of expression.
- Pending her release, she is protected from further torture and other ill-treatment.
- Her allegations of torture are investigated and those responsible are brought to justice in fair trials.

- Ensure the rights of workers to form and join independent trade unions of their choice, in line with the ILO core conventions and Iran's obligations under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Petra Bolster', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Petra Bolster

Member of the National Board and International Secretary  
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