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Request for the immediate release of Mr Esmail Abdi, General Secretary of the Iranian Teachers' Trade Association

Sirs,

Eğitim Sen condemn the arrest of Mr Esmail Abdi, a leader of the Iranian Teachers' Trade Association (ITTA), following his attempt to obtain a visa to attend the 7th Education International (EI) World Congress in Ottawa, Canada later this month.

Mr Peyman Nodinian, another representative of the ITTA who was to attend the EI World Congress will also be prevented from travelling.

The arrest of Mr Abdi is an infringement of various international human right conventions, including those protecting the freedom of expression and association, as well as the right to travel. By preventing Iranian delegates from attending the EI World Congress, you are also obstructing the democratic functioning of the organisation.

Eğitim Sen urges the Government of Iran to facilitate Mr Abdi's immediate release and to secure the right of Iranian teacher unionists to travel to attend union meetings.

Yours sincerely,

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