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IndustriALL Global Union Supports ITF campaign for the release of Iranian Union Leader Reza Shahabi

Dear Stephen,

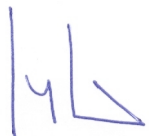
I am writing to you on behalf of IndustriALL Global Union representing more than 50 million workers in mining, energy and manufacturing in 140 countries to support your campaign for the release of the Iranian trade union leader Reza Shahabi.

The Executive Committee of IndustriALL Global Union, at its meeting on 25-26 June 2014 in Geneva, discussed human and trade union rights issues in Iran. The Committee noted that Brother Reza Shahabi, Treasurer of the Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company Workers' Union in Iran has been in prison since 2010 over ungrounded accusations, although he was simply conducting his legitimate trade union duties to defend the rights and interests of his union members. The Committee members were outraged to hear that Brother Shahabi has been suffering from health problems as a result of the brutal treatment he has received during his imprisonment.

The Executive Committee resolved that IndustriALL Global Union gives its full support to the ITF in its campaign, demanding the immediate and unconditional release of Brother Reza Shahabi and proper medical treatment for securing his life. The IndustriALL family strongly feels that global unions should work together to mobilize solidarity for making sure that Iran respects human and trade union rights.

Dear Stephen, please convey this solidarity message to our ITF sisters and brothers. We will be calling on IndustriALL affiliates to join your LabourStart action. Please be sure of our cooperation and full support to your campaign and for our joint objective to secure human and trade union rights in Iran.

In solidarity,



Jyrki Raina
General Secretary