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Resolution in solidarity with Iraqi trade unions under severe repression, and especially with Sister Hashemeya Muhsin Alsadawe following sickening threats to her family blackmailing her to withdraw from the upcoming parliamentary elections this month

The energy industry trade unions representing members in 48 countries meeting at the IndustriALL Global Union World Energy Conference in Madrid, Spain on 10-11 April approved the following resolution in support of the brave trade unionists in Iraq struggling under extreme repression.

Noting that:

- Our proud sister Hashemeya Muhsin Alsadawe, head of the General Union of Electricity Workers and Technicians (GUEWT) and member of the IndustriALL Global Union Executive Committee, while at the IndustriALL MENA regional conference, received a message making a death threat to her son if she does not cancel her candidacy for the parliamentary election this April.
- Hashemeya has already received several death threats to herself.
- IndustriALL Global Union affiliated trade unions in Iraq are forced to operate under constant aggression from employers and authorities
- For the past 10 years unions in Iraq have mobilized and campaigned for the government to pass a new labour and trade union law. Today, the 1987 Saddam Hussein-era laws remain in effect and are actively enforced. They prevent unions from carrying out normal union activity.
- IndustriALL has conducted a number of campaign activities including mobilisations, high-level dialogue with the Iraqi government, several online and letter-writing campaigns in support of affiliates and calling for a new labour law, and sustained lobbying with international partners to pressure the Iraqi government to implement an ILO-compliant labour legislation.

Delegates of the IndustriALL Global Union World Energy Conference resolved to stand in strong solidarity with our Sister Hashemeya and the wider, permanent campaign for trade union freedom and the right to work and live in dignity.

Delegates resolved to remain engaged and active in monitoring and supporting the development of Sister Hashemeya's parliamentary candidacy, and to hold the Iraqi government responsible for any harm caused to her or her family.