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Leader of the Islamic Republic
The Office of the Supreme Leader
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Tehran
Islamic Republic of Iran

Supreme Leader,

I am writing on behalf of the 600,000 women and men that belong to the Canadian Union of Public Employees. It was horrifying to learn that teacher and trade unionist Farzad Kamangar has been executed along with four other political prisoners:
Mr. Ali Heydarian; Mr. Farhad Vakilie; Ms. Shirin Alamhouli and Mr. Mehdi Eslamian.

We have learned that Mr. Kamangar was sentenced to death after being subjected to a court process that did not meet international or Iranian standards for a fair trial.
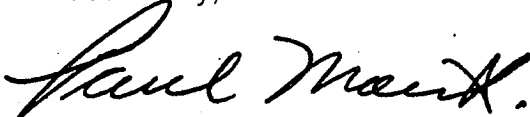
We condemn the executions and deplore the cruel treatment of Mr. Kamangar's family who were not even informed before he was executed.

CUPE is appalled at the continuing repression against unionists and all Iranians who dare to speak out for fairness and justice. This level of brutality is shocking to us and shows your government's complete disregard for human rights.

I urge you to stop the repression of labour and human rights activists and to respect the Iranian people's right to speak freely, to organize and to protest and to live without fear. No one should be subjected to persecution for their beliefs.

CUPE members will continue to speak out against repression and violence and stand in solidarity with our Iranian sisters and brothers.

Yours truly,

PAUL MOIST
National President

cc: Iranian Ambassador; Stan Marshall, Managing Director; Mark Hancock, NEB Liaison; Ken Georgetti, President, Canadian
      Labour Congress; Peter Waldorff, General Secretary, Public Services International

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