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Mr. Ambassador

Tekna is the largest professional association in Norway whose members hold a technical master's or doctoral degree; with over 98,000 members.

The unjust arrest and death of Jini Masha Amini has caused the eruption of large-scale protests in Iran. Iranians from all generations have taken to the streets to demand freedom and justice. These peaceful protests have been met with unjust arrests by the Iranian authorities. Each day we are witnessing that the numbers of arrested, wounded and killed have been rising steadily.

Tekna is concerned about the developments we're witnessing in Iran, and we support the Iranian people's fight for basic human rights. We're especially concerned about the Iranian authorities' brutality toward the country's women and minorities.

According to the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights, respect for all people regardless of gender, ethnicity and sexual orientation must form the foundation of every society. Equality, diversity and a fair workplace are everyone's basic rights; Tekna works for these rights each and every day in collaboration with the international trade union movement.

In recent weeks and in spite of the risk of their being jailed and mistreated, we've watched workers go out on strike in several parts of Iran. Oil workers, factory workers and teachers have stopped working in solidarity with those fighting for a better way of life. We support Iranian workers and trade unions that are striking in support of demonstrators. Striking is a fundamental right and an important means of applying political pressure.

Tekna wish to express our deepest concerns regarding the security of the

protesters and urge the Iranian authorities to stop the violence and to respect basic human rights.

Regards,



Lars Olav Grøvik
president