

JOINT STATEMENT

Support for the Nationwide Uprising of the People of Iran for Freedom, Equality, and Social Justice

We, the undersigned—comprising trade unionists, public figures, experts, and human rights defenders—express our profound concern regarding the recent developments and the nationwide uprising of the people of Iran.

This national movement is rooted in deep structural economic crises, ineffective governance, systemic corruption, and the persistent suppression of fundamental freedoms, as well as the killing of innocent civilians. The dramatic collapse of the national currency, soaring inflation, widespread poverty, and mass unemployment have compelled millions to take to the streets. The people of Iran, who have endured years of hardship resulting from the government's adventurist policies, now unequivocally demand freedom, equality, and an end to authoritarian rule.

The current protests reflect the unity of diverse segments of society and articulate demands that extend far beyond economic grievances. They represent a collective call for human dignity, democracy, and the right to self-determination. The government's attempts to silence these protests—through nationwide internet shutdowns, arbitrary arrests, and the use of lethal force, including direct fire against peaceful demonstrators—constitute clear violations of Iran's international obligations under the **International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)**, particularly Articles 6 (right to life), 9 (liberty and security of person), 19 (freedom of expression), 21 (right of peaceful assembly), and 22 (freedom of association).

We call upon the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iran, Amnesty International, and other international human rights bodies to endorse this statement and submit it to the United Nations Security Council and the United Nations General Assembly.

Our requests are as follows:

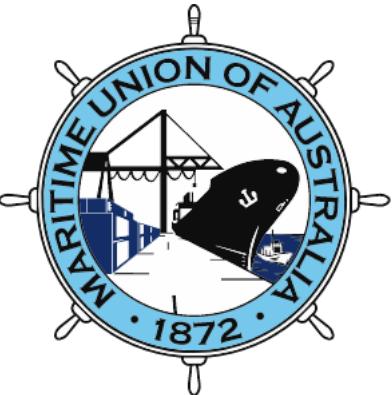
- 1. Immediate condemnation of the violent suppression of protests by the Iranian authorities and a demand for the cessation of the use of force against unarmed demonstrators.**
- 2. The establishment of an independent international fact-finding and investigative mechanism to examine cases of killings, arbitrary detentions, torture, enforced disappearances, and other serious human rights violations.**

3. **A call for the immediate and unconditional release of all individuals detained in protests.**
4. **An appeal to governments and international organisations to support the Iranian people's rights to freedom of expression, freedom of peaceful assembly, and the right to self-determination.**

We reaffirm our commitment to amplifying the voices of the people of Iran and to supporting all legitimate and peaceful efforts aimed at protecting their fundamental rights. The time for action is now. Silence from the international community in the face of these widespread violations would amount to complicity in the suffering of millions.

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