

Notes from the ITUC meeting on Iran, 5 to 6 February 2020, Stockholm Sweden.

Participants:

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Invited experts:

Javaid Rehman	UN Special Rapporteur on Iran
Mohammad Maljoo	Researcher
Foroozan Afshar	Researcher

Wednesday 5 February 2020

Loa Brynjulfsdottir, Director of the LO International Department welcomed the participants to LO and delivered a short description on the work done within the Swedish Trade Union Platform for Iran since the start in 2014. Tommy Wreeth, President of the Swedish Transport Workers ´Union continued the opening session and confirmed the interest of his organisation in defending human and trade union rights (HTUR) in Iran. Mamadou Diallo then continued and outlined the agenda for the two days ahead.

The UN Special Rapporteur Javaid Rehman gave an extensive report about his mandate and the actual findings in previous reports.

Mohammad Maljoo and Foroozan Afshar focussed their reports about free and independent Trade Unions situation in Iran and the mechanism for minimum wage. The reports are attached.

Then followed a session of question and answers.

Thursday 6 February 2020

During the morning session the participants discussed possible ways of further improvement of our support to the free and independent Trade Unions in Iran.

Conclusions of the meeting and proposals:

- There is a need to join our efforts to address the continued violations of Human and Trade Union Rights in Iran and in this regard we have to develop a global approach including mainly GUFs which have affiliates or cooperation relations with some workers organisations in the country. Trade Unions which have an interest in supporting free and independent workers organizations and associations in Iran should also be involved.

- Seek ETUC support in order to use the leverage of the European parliament in addressing the regular violation of HTUR by the Iranian government.
- Address at sectoral and national level the most relevant economic and social issues targeting gender aspects and most vulnerable part of the population.
- Further analyse the interest in developing a network among all” stakeholders” for experiences and information sharing.

The meeting identified the following activities for further discussion in a broader setting:

Mapping of the foreign investment and MNC operating in Iran.

Running campaign for the ratification of ILO C 87 and 98 as well as **C 95 Protection of Wages Convention**.

Explore the opportunity for a meeting with Iranian TU leaders. (in Geneva for ILC.)

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