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President

His Excellency Mahmoud Ahmadinejad
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Your Excellency,

The GEW, the German Education Union, represents the interests of 260.000 teachers and educators in schools, day-care centers and universities in Germany. The GEW is committed to the right to education for all and the implementation of human and trade union rights all over the world.

In my capacity as GEW President I would like to express my serious concern about the safety and well-being of Mahin Fahimi, Omid Montazeri and Ardavan Tarakameh, who have been detained in their homes in Tehran at the end of December 2009. The detention of Mrs. Fahimi, her son Omid and his friend and fellow student Ardavan took place on 28 December 2009 at 4 a.m. by Iranian security forces.

Mrs. Fahimia takes an active part in „Mothers for Peace“, which is why we fear that the detention is connected to the government of the Islamic Republic Iran's course of action against members of the opposition. So far neither the prison whereto Fahimi, Montazeri and Tarakameh have been taken by the police is known nor what they are concretely accused of.

The circumstances of the detention without giving reasons as well as the secrecy of the detainees' whereabouts are a violation of international human rights. I expressly protest against this practice. At the same time I ask you to inform us about the reasons for these detentions, the present whereabouts of the mentioned persons and their state of health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Ulrich Thöne', is written over the typed name.

Ulrich Thöne