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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND FACSIMILE

Abolfazl Mehrabadi, Deputy Director Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the United States Embassy of Pakistan 1250 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 200 Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Deputy Director Mehrabadi,

Beginning on May 22, 2018, Iranian truck drivers in 25 provinces and 160 cities are on strike over low pay, escalating operating costs and increased tolls and other regulatory fees. The strike is also the result of Iranian truck drivers having no voice in the decisions that impact their livelihoods. They have bravely said that they would continue their strike until all their demands have been met.

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, representing 1.4 million transportation and supply chain workers in the United States and Canada stands in solidarity with our Iranian brothers and sisters. We urge the government of Iran to listen to the grievances of striking Iranian truck drivers, address their just demands and recognize their internationally recognized rights to assembly, speech, freedom of association and collective bargaining.

Sincerely,

James P. Hoffa General President

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cc: Stephen Cotton, General Secretary, International Transport Workers Federation Sharan Burrow, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation