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**Subject: Dissolution of the Jordanian Teacher Association and detention of its leaders**

Dear Minister,

I am writing to you as a representative of *[name of your organisation]* to denounce the detention of the leaders of the Jordanian Teacher Association and the suspension of all union work on behalf of teachers and education workers.

*[name of your organisation]* deplores that the Jordanian government has been using emergency laws enacted in the context of Covid to limit civil and political rights. Many union activists have been arrested for expressing opinions on social media. The JTA leaders have acted within the guidelines of international labour standards and the Jordanian constitution.

In the latest act against the education association, the Amman magistrate court ordered on 31 December the full dissolution of the JTA and sentenced all 13 JTA board members to one year imprisonment.

*[name of your organisation]* strongly condemns the criminalization of legitimate trade union activities. *[Name of your organisation]* therefore urges the Government of Jordan:

* to halt the suspension of union work by the JTA;
* to guarantee the fundamental rights and democratic freedoms of educators and all workers, including freedom of opinion, expression, assembly and association;
* to further reform national laws to bring them further in line with international standards.

As part of the global community of educators, *[name of your organisation]* stands in solidarity with our sister organisations in Jordan and will continue to closely monitor the human and trade union rights situation in the country.

Yours sincerely,

*[Name and signature]*