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Excellency,

On behalf of FNV, the National Trade Union in the Netherlands, I am writing to express grave concern over the arrest of Elizabeth Tang currently the General Secretary of the International Domestic Workers Federation. She was detained after leaving the prison where she visited her husband, Lee Cheuk-yan, the former General Secretary of Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions (HKCTU).

Elizabeth Tang was released after paying a bail of 200,000 Hong Kong dollars (about 24,000 Euros). Her passport was revoked and she will therefore not be able to leave Hong Kong and take part in the International Domestic Workers Federation engagements, as was her plan. We do not understand why she has been arrested in the first place.

We want to emphasize that legitimate exercise of the right to freedom of association, including that of organising union activities and participation in global union federations, is protected by international human rights laws and standards, as ratified by the Hong Kong Government.

We call on the Hong Kong Government to observe core international labour and human rights standards, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), and International Labour Conventions C087 (Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention), which are applicable to Hong Kong.

We demand unconditional release of Elizabeth Tang, dismissing all charges filed against her. Which means that her passport should be returned to her, so she can travel freely to her home in London.

We insist to refrain from using the National Security Law and immediately cease all arbitrary restrictions on the rights to freedom of expression and association under the pretext of “national security”.

Yours sincerely,



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