The Independent Education Union stands in solidarity with Iranian Students on 7th December 2023 and condemns continued repression of students and workers in the Iranian education system.

Solidarity with Iranian Students
on the eve of 70th anniversary of Iranian Student Day

Noting that

- suspension from education, expulsion, arrest and detention of students in Iran have intensified since the beginning of the protests in September 2022 and are still continuing;
- gender repression and gender segregation and forced veiling in Iran's universities have intensified and female students are under enormous pressure;
- the presence of the Basij militia of the Revolutionary Guards and other security agencies has in practice turned universities into barracks;
- since September 2023, a wave of dismissal of professors in Iranian universities has started and is still going on; and
- on the eve of Student's Day, 7th of December, these repressions will intensify.

Therefore:

We, the signatories of this statement:

- Condemn the current repressive actions against Iranian universities
- Condemn deprivation of education for political, gender, or ideological reasons as a form of educational apartheid and
- Condemn the efforts of the Iranian regime in universities to impose compulsory hijab and call for freedom of veiling for all students.
- Condemn the expulsion of professors and assistant professors from Iranian universities and call for their unconditional return to continue their work.
- Call for unconditional release of all imprisoned students in Iran.
- Recognize that establishing student associations isa democratic tradition in the entire free world. Therefore, we condemn any suppression of free student organizations in Iranian universities and demand that the Basij militia organizations affiliated with the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) be removed from Iranian universities.
- Call on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the specialized training arm of the United Nations system, to establish its own supervision and not allow the rights of Iranian students and professors to become the object of oppression and gender apartheid by the Iranian dictatorship.

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