



Message from the Arab Trade Union Youth on Freedom of Opinion and Expression

We, the representatives of the Arab Trade Union Youth, meeting in Amman on the sidelines of the Founding Congress of the Arab Trade Union Confederation (ATUC) which will be held on the 1st and 2nd of October 2014, in view of the phenomena of social and political tension in many Arab countries, and the unemployment, marginalization and exclusion experienced by the youth, which prompted many of them to resort to various forms of extremism;

And in view of preventing them from the right to demand Arab societies characterized by institutionalized dialogue and actual participation of all groups in society to build a diverse, unified and integrated tomorrow;

And regarding the campaigns of detention and imprisonment that have targeted many of them due to practicing freedom of opinion and their rejection of all forms of restriction on the freedom of opinion, we call on the Arab governments to immediately release all detainees and prisoners as a result of the trade union activity or due to the freedom of opinion and expression, and to guarantee appropriate circumstances to practice their freedom to express their opinion without restrictions and terms and conditions, as they are stakeholders, along with the rest of the social groups, in establishing democratic societies where