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By Email

To the Board of Directors of the CCITTA,

On behalf of the NAHT – The School Leaders' Union, we write to express our deepest solidarity with the CCITTA and with all educators, workers, children, and communities affected by the ongoing military strikes in Iran.

NAHT is the largest union in the United Kingdom for school leaders. Alongside our members we work to create a better education system for both educators and pupils alike.

We are gravely disturbed by the destruction and loss of life that has been witnessed since the 28th February 2026. Schools should never be seen as acceptable collateral damage in conflict, nor should the loss of life of a single child be tolerated. At NAHT, we recognise the importance of upholding the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which asserts every child's right to education, safety, health, and protection from harm. We strongly believe in these rights, in the value of education as a public good and that protecting education is critical especially during times of conflict. Schools must remain places of learning, community and joy – the rights of children must be upheld and it is the responsibility of the international community to ensure they are not neglected.

NAHT as a member of the UK Trade Union Congress (TUC) supports the position of its General Council, that the attacks by the US and Israel are a dangerous escalation that flout international law; undermining diplomacy and the prospects for peace. We join UNESCO in unequivocally condemning the loss of life from airstrikes against schools and children, and reaffirm our belief that conflict stands against the fundamental values of the trade union movement and social justice. We therefore join the urgent calls of the General Council for de-escalation and for all states and international actors to assume their historic responsibilities to support de-escalation, work towards comprehensive diplomatic solutions and uphold the international system of legitimacy under the United Nations Charter.

We commend the resilience of your members and the children you serve during this time of conflict. We recognise the vital role of the CCITTA in defending both educators and rights of children. Please know that NAHT stands firmly with you, and we will use our platform to share solidarity, raise awareness, and continue to advocate for peace and the rights of the child.

In solidarity, and with our deepest respect,



Paul Whiteman
NAHT General Secretary



Dave Woods
NAHT International Committee Chair
NAHT Vice President

Signed by the General Secretary and Chair of the International Committee on behalf of NAHT's International Committee.