

Africa Regional Committee

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RESOLUTION ON DOMESTIC WORKER SENTENCED TO DEATH IN SAUDI ARABIA

The IUF Africa Regional Committee at its meeting on Thursday and Friday, 3rd and 4th December, 2015 in Lomé, Togo was shocked to learn that a Sri Lankan domestic worker was sentenced to death by a Court in Saudi Arabia.

We stand united in total condemnation of the court conviction on the spurious charge of adultery and the outrageous sentence of death handed down as the result of the conviction.

The IUF African Regional Committee condemns the brutal laws of Saudi Arabia which can permit such a barbaric conviction and sentence, and calls on the Saudi Government to intervene immediately to prevent the execution of the domestic worker.

We urge the Saudi Government to guarantee the domestic worker a safe return to Sri Lanka with immediate effect.

In view of the frequent and serious violations of migrant

domestic workers' rights, we call upon Saudi Arabia to respect international law with regard to human rights which includes:

 the right to life, the right to privacy, the right to protection from all forms of exploitation, the right to freedom from arbitrary deprivation of liberty, the right to a fair trial, the right to freedom from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

