

## STATEMENT

### For the Dignity and Rights of Migrants in Algeria

We express our deepest outrage at the alarming surge in hate speech and racist rhetoric targeting Sub-Saharan African migrants in Algeria, following the recent diplomatic fallout between Algeria and Mali. What began as political tension has dangerously spilled over into public discourse, fueling unrestrained xenophobia and racial hostility across social media and public platforms. This situation threatens not only social cohesion, but also the basic principles of human rights and dignity.

We urge Algerian security and judicial authorities to take **swift and uncompromising action** against individuals or groups who incite racial hatred. It is unacceptable for these toxic narratives to go unchecked. The state has a clear responsibility to protect all individuals within its borders—regardless of their origin or legal status.

**We call on the Algerian government to immediately implement fair, transparent, and humane migration policies that recognize the rights of foreign workers and refugees. Arbitrary expulsions and extra-judicial deportations must come to an end. Every migrant or asylum seeker must be guaranteed: the right to legal representation, access to a fair judicial process, and oversight by independent human rights organizations and trade unions.**

We also express grave concern over the resumption of deportation operations targeting Algerian nationals in irregular situations in France, carried out with the full cooperation of the Algerian government. This shift comes after a period of suspension tied to a diplomatic rift with France. It is deeply regrettable that vulnerable migrants are once again being used as diplomatic leverage in international negotiations and power plays.

We firmly reject this cold, transactional treatment of human lives. No person should be reduced to a bargaining chip in geopolitical disputes.

In light of this worsening situation, we are announcing the creation of the **Trade Union Committee for Algerian Migrants and Asylum Seekers**—a collective body that will be registered in accordance with Swiss legislation, aimed at defending the rights of our compatriots abroad, confronting abuses, and resisting the unethical exploitation of migrants by both host and home governments.

We now call on the international community, United Nations agencies, human rights defenders, and trade unions worldwide to break their silence. This is not a local issue—it is a human issue. We urge sustained international pressure on both Algerian and European authorities to uphold international human rights standards and put an end to all discriminatory, arbitrary, and degrading practices targeting migrants and asylum seekers.

**Human dignity is non-negotiable.**

We will continue to fight, organize, and speak out—until justice is done.

**For solidarity, dignity, and justice.**

The Executive Committee

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