

STATEMENT

on the Occasion of May 1st – International Workers' Day

On this May 1st, a symbolic day of workers' struggle and global solidarity, the Confederation of Productive Forces Trade Unions (COSYFOP) expresses its deep concern over the ongoing deterioration of trade union freedoms in Algeria, and reaffirms its unwavering commitment to defending workers' rights.

We call on the President of the Republic to order the immediate and unconditional release of all trade unionists imprisoned for their peaceful union activities, especially Ali Mammeri, as well as members of the collective of resident doctors, and to end all judicial prosecutions against independent trade unionists.

We urge the Algerian authorities to fully respect the international conventions ratified by Algeria, particularly the conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO) on freedom of association, and to comply with the recommendations of ILO supervisory bodies and UN special rapporteurs.

We reaffirm that workers' dignity requires decent monthly wages, quality public services, and a genuine social dialogue based on the recognition of independent unions and their essential role in social justice.

We also draw attention to the dire situation of migrant and sub-Saharan workers in Algeria, and demand the adoption of humanitarian and legal measures to protect their rights, including the right to organize and defend themselves, in accordance with international standards.

On this Workers' Day, we reiterate that the struggle for social justice, trade union freedoms, and human dignity is a continuation of the ideals of solidarity and emancipation. We call on all progressive forces to unite for an Algeria that respects labour and rights.

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