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The Trade Union Confederation of Productive Forces (COSYFOP) expresses its sincere gratitude to the President of the Republic, Mr. Abdelmadjid Tebboune, for the recent presidential pardon measures that led to the release of 2,471 detainees. These reconciliation initiatives underscore the President's commitment to strengthening national unity and fostering reconciliation, a step we deeply appreciate and fully support.

Nevertheless, we remain profoundly concerned about the recent developments in Algerian-French relations, particularly following our government's announcement of thwarting a conspiracy involving French intelligence services. These tensions further complicate an already delicate situation, requiring thoughtful and measured handling to safeguard Algeria's supreme interests and sovereignty.

Additionally, we are deeply perplexed by the visibility granted by certain French media outlets to individuals who claim to represent the Algerian opposition. These figures, who criticize Algeria's political and human rights situation, have neither shared the struggles of the opposition within the country nor aligned with the aspirations of Algerians living on their own soil. They, in no way, represent the genuine will of the Algerian people, nor do they embody the vision of a true opposition committed to building a democratic and strong state.

The actions and rhetoric of such opportunists serve neither the Algerian opposition nor the nation. On the contrary, they undermine the opposition's credibility, tarnish its image in the eyes of the national public, and impede the peaceful change we advocate. Furthermore, the government bears significant responsibility for the emergence of such deviations. The policy of repression and exclusion targeting genuine opposition voices within the country has driven some into exile, where they are exploited by foreign networks advancing agendas that benefit neither Algeria nor its people.

It is urgent for the authorities to transcend the logic of an all-security approach and embrace inclusive dialogue with all sincere opposition voices that refuse to be manipulated by external actors. The threats facing Algeria are increasingly evident, and persisting in rigid positions and a closed-door approach will only exacerbate tensions and deepen divisions.

Out of profound concern for Algeria, we feel compelled to speak out. We urge the President of the Republic to expedite the implementation of tangible measures for genuine national reconciliation and peacebuilding, beginning with the following:

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1. Immediate release of prisoners of conscience, detained solely for peacefully expressing their views and criticizing government policies.
2. Opening national media to critical yet constructive perspectives, allowing for objective expression of ideas without unwarranted attacks on state institutions.
3. Providing adequate guarantees to exiled opponents, enabling their safe return to contribute to rebuilding the nation without fear of harassment or reprisal.
4. Initiating an inclusive national dialogue with all opposition forces committed to Algeria's supreme interests, and establishing a joint committee to lay the groundwork for this dialogue in a spirit of reconciliation and national unity.

Implementing these measures would represent a decisive step in countering opportunists who exploit the political landscape and the government's all-security policy for personal gain. It would also restore the dignity of repressed or exiled opponents who have honorably stood for building a democratic, popular, and strong state—one that reflects the vision of the martyrs and freedom fighters of Algeria's glorious War of Independence.

In conclusion, the Trade Union Confederation of Productive Forces reaffirms the importance of uniting efforts to confront the challenges Algeria faces today. We call on all parties to rise above their differences and focus on the supreme interest of the nation, for Algeria deserves our collective commitment to building a brighter future.

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Geneva, January 9, 2025

President of COSYFOP

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