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EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM TRADE UNIONS

**Meeting of the EFFAT Executive Committee
BRUSSELS, 03 and 04 March 2020**

Agenda item 7: **Political Framework and follow up on Action Plan 2020-2021**



B) IUF Report

Decision: The Executive Committee takes note of the reports and endorses the documents presented.

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DRAFT EFFAT RESOLUTION ON ALGERIA

The EFFAT Executive Committee, meeting in Brussels 3-4 March 2020 notes that independent trade unions in Algeria, including the IUF affiliates SNAPAP and SNATEG, have for many years been struggling for their rights in the face of targeted dismissals of union members, harassment and judicial persecution of union leaders;

Further notes that anti-union repression has intensified since the ongoing mass movement for democracy (*Hirak*) – actively supported by the independent unions – emerged in February 2019. Independent trade unions are now the targets of a double repression: repressed as trade unionists, and as leaders and participants in a vast civic movement for democracy. Hundreds of democracy activists and human rights defenders, including independent trade unionists, are currently serving prison sentences, facing prosecution or under police control;

Notes that despite repeated calls from the governing body of the ILO on the government of Algeria to reinstate all dismissed trade unionists, stop the harassment, register the unions and allow them to operate freely, the repression has intensified;

Regrets that the government has ignored the 28th November 2019 resolution of the European Parliament 'On the situation of freedoms in Algeria' which called for the release of all detained democracy activists including independent trade unionists alongside full respect for democratic and civil rights; and

Expresses its full solidarity with the ongoing struggle of the independent trade unions in Algeria for democracy and trade union rights, and resolves to:

- Make use of all available means, including through the ETUC, to demand that the government of Algeria implement the decisions and recommendations of the ILO concerning trade union rights in Algeria, stop the persecution of trade union leaders and activists and free all those detained for their defence of democratic and civil rights. Further, EFFAT
- Calls on affiliated organisations to take action urging their respective national governments to pressure the government of Algeria to respect trade union rights and implement the decisions and recommendations of the ILO and the November 2019 Resolution of the European Parliament; and
- Calls on affiliated organisations with membership in transnational companies active in Algeria to demand that these companies, which are profiting from mass repression and human rights violations, review, together with the relevant trade unions, the measures they are taking to address the risks of complicity in those violations in accordance with the principles of human rights due diligence set out in the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and relevant national legislation on mandatory human rights diligence.