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PERSECUTION OF AIR CONTROLLERS IN SEVERAL ASECNA CENTERS — Threats to security in the African sky!

The Executive Board (BEU) of the Union of Air Traffic Controllers Unions of ASECNA (USYCAA) draws the attention of public opinion to the avalanche of administrative and psychological pressures currently weighing on the body of Air Traffic Controllers of ASECNA at the risk of security, since the effective execution of the strike order of September 23, 2022 assiduously followed by the 716 Aiguilleurs du Ciel of the Agency.

While eyes are now riveted on the face-to-face meeting of the Committee of Ministers, ASECNA's supreme body, scheduled for Dakar on Monday October 17, 2022, the General Management has chosen to continue its intimidation maneuvers, to oppression and persecution of air traffic controllers.

Thus, we have recently witnessed measures such as the freezing without explanation of annual leave, verbal invectives, the unwritten suspensions of several air traffic controllers, cumbersomeness in the processing of administrative files (social security, subscription to loans, etc.) This policy of persecution is pushed until the repeated intrusion of judicial officers at late hours in the Control **towers - sacrosanct places of the safety of air navigation.**

The BEU recalls that Air Traffic Control is a highly cognitive multitasking profession that requires constant concentration and permanent psychological serenity. It is about the safety of hundreds of planes as well as thousands of passengers and air freight every day.

Through these actions at the antipodes of the safety culture, it is clear that the General Manager, Mr. Mohamed Moussa, is inexorably sliding towards dangerous ground where his personal responsibility could be engaged in the event of incidents / accidents which would occur in the airspace. of ASECNA. In fact, the Agency's Air Traffic Controllers now work in an anxiety-provoking work environment that is far from encouraging the peaceful exercise of their profession.

The final and personal objective of the Director General is undoubtedly to stir up tensions in order to create a pretext to discredit and demonize the umbrella organizations of the Agency's air traffic controllers. The rumor of a planned strike for the

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October 18, 2022, peddled in forums, clearly stems from this technique of demonization. **The USYCAA categorically denies this information.**

The BEU reassures its base that all of these practices continue to be methodically documented and compiled for appropriate use. For the rest, he invites the comrades not to give in to provocation, to maintain the mobilization while remaining attentive to the conclusions of the meeting of the Committee of Ministers of 17 October 2022, which he hopes will definitively bring back calm and serenity in the ASECNA institution, a community tool for African integration dear to all!

About

USYCAA is an apolitical non-profit trade union organization, created on October 25, 2018 during the founding congress held at the Treichville Labor Exchange in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. The Union aims to promote the safety, efficiency and regularity of air navigation in the airspaces of the ASECNA member states through the improvement of the working conditions of air traffic controllers.

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