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ON-GOING SABOTAGE OF COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS RESOLUTIONS BY THE GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF ASECNA

The Executive Bureau of the Union of Air Traffic Controllers Unions of ASECNA (USYCAA) once again draws the attention of public opinion to the reconstitution of the deleterious, dangerous and anxiety-provoking conditions that led to the generalized strike of September 2022. And this at the solitary, warmongering and die-hard initiative of the Director General of the Agency for Air Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA), Mr. Mohamed Moussa.

Indeed, since the extraordinary meeting of the Committee of Ministers, ASECNA's supreme body, held on Monday October 17, 2022, which gave clear guidelines for the restoration of Air Traffic Controllers in their legitimate rights through relevant resolutions, we are witnessing a wave of administrative sanctions slyly tinted against the latter. Among other things, abusive appropriations on wages for the month of October 2022, the freezing of leave and administrative interference in the management of structures and the choice of worker representatives.

The General Management of ASECNA no longer stops in its unacknowledged desire for revenge and reprisals against the Aiguilleurs du Ciel, the backbone of air navigation safety. And even in Bamako (Mali) where it was dismissed, the General Management now refuses to execute a court decision (*Order No. 36 following the hearing of the Referrals of October 24, 2022 of the Bamako Labor Court*), restoring an Air Traffic Controller - whose only sin remains his membership in this profession -

, in all his rights as representative representative of the workers of the ASECNA of Mali.

The height of this belligerent approach, which runs counter to the appeasement desired by the Committee of Ministers, are the ongoing abusive assignments without valid reason, to their countries of origin, of our valiant expatriate comrades, thus aggravating in the control centers, the understaffing which is already garish.

This is the place for the Executive Board to denounce the purely punitive nature of these assignments which look like expulsions, which ignore all the provisions in this area. Indeed, the comrades are currently summoned by the Director General, to return to their countries of origin, and for some, within five (5) days from the date of notification, and this, without the members of their families or their luggage.





The situation thus presented, it is now obvious that the actions of Mr. Mohamed Moussa in complicity with certain representatives of the workers, put a serious brake on the lull and the normalization promoted by the authorities of the Member States of ASECNA, and in which the USYCAA is committed to play its full part in a responsible manner.

In such a context, it is very regrettable that this institutional sabotage which does not serve the interest of air safety should continue during the next meeting of the Community Body for Consultation and Negotiation (OCCN) scheduled to be held on 07 to November 19, 2022 in Lomé, Togo, and intended to address the remaining points of the legitimate claims of Air Traffic Controllers.

In view of the facts presented above, the USYCAA:

- **requests** the restoration, without delay, of all the expatriate Air Traffic Controllers in their rights by instructing the pure and simple cancellation of the repatriations in progress;
- **engages** the full responsibility of the General Management of ASECNA if ever the physical or moral integrity of one of the family members of these expatriate Air Traffic Controllers were to be endangered in these foreign countries where they would henceforth be delivered to themselves;
- **challenges** the Ministers who are members of the Monitoring Committee on the existence of a real risk of aggravation of frustrations within the family of Air Traffic Controllers.
- **holds** ASECNA's General Management solely responsible for any inconvenience that may arise as a result of its actions;
- **invites** fellow Air Traffic Controllers to remain mobilized while maintaining a high sense of professionalism in the performance of their duties.

Long live the USYCAA!

Long live ASECNA!

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 aim of the Union is to promote the safety, efficiency and regularity of air navigation in the airspaces of ASECNA member states through the improvement of the working conditions of air traffic controllers.

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