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Excerpts from the speech of Algerian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Ahmed Attaf

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Excerpts from the speech of the Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs, National Community Abroad, and African Affairs, Mr. Ahmed Attaf, on the occasion of the joint celebration commemorating Algerian Diplomacy Day (08 October 1962- 2025) and the 80th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, under the theme: A Shared Commitment for Peace and Multilateralism.

Algeria and the United Nations: A Distinct and Deeply Rooted Relationship:

“The relationship between Algeria and the United Nations is, first and foremost, a deeply rooted relationship, rooted in the organization’s embrace of the Algerian liberation cause and its inclusion on the agenda of its General Assembly on September 30, 1955, as the first decolonization cause. Indeed, the Algerian liberation cause was the first decolonization cause to be directly included on the agenda of the United Nations General Assembly. At the time, this step literally represented a procedural and legal precedent.

As we live these days in the spirit of the seventieth anni-



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Syria, Yemen, Iran, Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Thailand, and Myanmar (formerly Burma), the countries whose representatives to the United Nations in New York signed the first official letter requesting the inclusion of the Algerian liberation cause on the General Assembly’s agenda.

The history of our nation and our collective national memory preserve in their brightest and most brilliant pages the names of these countries, where Algeria’s

the historic General Assembly Resolution No. 1514, which includes the “Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,” was adopted on December 14, 1960, just three days after the massive demonstrations that took place in Algeria on December 11 of the same year. These demonstrations marked the beginning of the end of a colonialism unparalleled in the world, in form and practice, in aggression and oppression, in injustice and tyranny.

and Peoples.”
“Through each of these historical episodes, the brilliant influence of the Algerian liberation revolution is embodied, not only within the scope of its African affiliation, but also within a much broader scope, namely the scope of the United Nations, whose doctrine, references, and controls related to decolonization were enriched by the Algerian cause.

Minister Ahmed Attaf adds, “In the shadow of this deep-rooted, distinguished, and

The United Nations faces difficult challenges:

“Today, we are more deeply saddened than anyone else by the great difficulties and formidable challenges facing the United Nations, which have silenced its voice, obscured its role, and made it hostage to wills and practices that do not It is related to the international public good and the common benefit of all humanity. It pains us that the principles of the United Nations Charter, which were established to be a beacon of justice and peace among nations, are being trampled upon. It also pains us that international law, which was established to be the supreme guarantor of peaceful, civilized and civilized coexistence among nations, is being violated and undermined.

It also pains us that unilateral practices and isolationist tendencies prevail at the expense of cooperation, integration and international multilateral action.

Algeria is among those who believe that the state of confusion and bewilderment that our world is experiencing today can only be resolved by restoring the prestige of this international beacon:

The United Nations is the crown of human civilization, attained with great difficulty after a long struggle of conflicts and suffering over decades, centuries, and millennia. The United Nations is the difficult offspring of two world wars in which humanity paid a heavy price, sacrificing tens of millions of its own lives in sacrifice for the tragedy of humanity when it forgets or pretends to forget its humanity.

The United Nations remains, from the political, legal and moral aspects, a bet on the best, a bet on the equal sover-

eighty of states, a bet on the rejection of aggression against others, a bet on the prohibition of the seizure of others’ lands by force, a bet on upholding the right of peoples to self-determination, a bet on resolving disputes by peaceful means, a bet on ending wars once and for all, and a bet on building an international system based on cooperation and solidarity in the face of common ordeals.

This is the conviction that President Abdelmadjid Tebboune has embraced and relied upon as he defines the major directions of our country’s foreign policy. These orientations are landmarks, references, and motivations for Algerian diplomacy, which works to translate them across all areas of our country’s affiliation specifically, and at the global level in general.”

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“These same orientations are evident today within the framework of the mandate Algeria is assuming within the UN Security Council as an elected, non-permanent member state, and as a committed state, which has proven in word and deed that its positions are not dictated by narrow interests, immediate calculations, or circumstantial considerations, as much as they are dictated by the authentic and deep-rooted principles of rights and law.

Today, as we stand on the verge of concluding this mandate, we believe, with all faith and sincerity, we have spared no effort in fulfilling the trust entrusted to us by the member states of the United Nations General Assembly. Our source of pride in this is the recognition by the majority of our sister, friendly, and partner states that Algeria has rightly championed rights against denial, freedom against oppression, and justice against injustice. Algeria has faithfully complied with the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter, and Algeria



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versary of this historical milestone, parallel to the 80th anniversary of the birth of the United Nations, we, as Algerians, do not forget the favor of the (13) brotherly and friendly countries that took the initiative in the wake of the Bandung Conference by submitting a request to have our cause placed on the General Assembly’s agenda, we must not forget the gratitude of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Lebanon, Iraq,

independence found its first, strongest, and noblest support.

The relationship between Algeria and the United Nations is, secondly, a distinguished one, deriving its distinction from the contribution made by the Algerian liberation cause in refining and consolidating the principle of the right of peoples to self-determination at the international level.

For those who remember, this contribution is evident in

The great resonance that the Algerian liberation cause received later, specifically in 1961, led to the establishment of the Special Committee on Decolonization, known in short as the Committee of Twenty-Four (C-24). This body was entrusted, and remains to this day, with the task of monitoring the implementation of Resolution No. 1514 and its “Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries

special relationship, Algerian diplomacy has accumulated a remarkable historical legacy of successes linked to the successes of the United Nations itself: whether it concerns leading the global liberation movement, being at the forefront of those seeking and working for the establishment of a new international order, or constantly mobilizing to contribute to extinguishing the fuse of crises, disputes, and conflicts.”

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has sincerely contributed to urging the Security Council to fully assume its responsibilities, even as it continues to suffer from abuses, polarization, and setbacks that produce paralysis.

The firm conviction in rights and law only grows stronger and more resilient over time. This is the case with the Algerian conviction of the inevitability of justice for peoples. The oppressed in Palestine and Western Sahara, and enabling them to exercise their inalienable, imprescriptible, and non-negotiable rights.

Thirty-seven years ago, despite international pressure at the time, Algeria proudly, honorably, and successfully hosted the conference declaring the establishment of the Palestinian State. Since then, Algeria has been honored to pave the way for diplomatic and official recognition of this sister state, as Algeria was the first to recognize it and the first to host a representative embassy on its soil.

Today, amid the tragedies inflicted on Palestine, the international community is guided by the path established here, on Algerian soil, to achieve justice for the proud Palestinian people and enable them to exercise their legitimate and inalienable rights. The momentum of



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under the auspices of the United Nations aimed at finding a just

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remain absolutely certain that the policies of fait accompli have not succeeded, and will never succeed, in extinguishing the flame of legal and legitimate national rights. The flame of truth may fade, but it will never be extinguished! “

Algeria, A leading role in Africa politically and economically:

At the continental level, Algeria was deeply honored by the trust it received at the beginning of this year from its African brothers, who endorsed

its contribution to the leadership of the African Union Commission and supported its candidacy for membership in the Peace and Security Council of our continental organization. Algeria is fully aware of the value of this precious trust and is fully aware of the responsibility it bears to redouble its efforts to contribute, with greater effort and greater commitment, we are strengthening the African Union’s integration process and advancing the continental agenda for peace, security, and sustainable development.

Algeria was also honored to recently host, with brilliance and distinction, the fourth

edition of the Intra-African Trade Fair. This edition revealed the tremendous potential for partnership, cooperation, and integration among African countries, under the Continental Free Trade Area, both in trade and investment.

In all its African, Arab, Islamic, and Euro-Mediterranean areas of affiliation, and beyond these areas of affiliation, Algeria continues to pursue its approach aimed at building bridges of cooperation and partnership, based on shared benefit, shaped by mutual respect for national sovereignty, and aimed at restoring the desired balance to the system of international relations.”



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official recognition of the Palestinian State is nothing but an international acknowledgment that the establishment of this state is necessary, unavoidable, and indispensable to ending the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and restoring security and stability to the entire Middle East region.

In Western Sahara, Algeria continues to support all efforts

political solution, a permanent solution, and a final solution to this long-standing conflict. I sincerely believe that the past five decades have demonstrated the soundness, correctness and steadfastness of the Algerian position, which has affirmed: The Sahrawi issue cannot be settled by circumventing international legitimacy;

the Sahrawi people and their right to self-determination; and the Sahrawi issue cannot be addressed or dealt with outside the framework defined by the established international doctrine in the field of liquidation Colonialism, a true liquidation that is consistent with all the requirements of this deeply rooted doctrine. Equally, we



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