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## ITUC-AFRICA SOLIDARITY MESSAGE

On behalf of its 103 affiliates in 51 African countries, the African Regional Organisation of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC-Africa) supports the call for general strike launched jointly by the Trade Union federations and urges all workers to mobilize to denounce the coup and demand the return of democracy in Burkina Faso.

Furthermore, it condemns with the utmost firmness the coup of force perpetrated by elements of the presidential security against the transition authorities in Burkina Faso.

Less than a year after the revolution which put an end to the regime of Blaise Compaoré, allies of the latter attempt to return to power through the coup carried out this Wednesday, September 16, 2015 in Ouagadougou.

This coup, which comes less than a month from presidential and legislative elections which were to end the transition period, is a flagrant violation of the Constitution and of the Transitional Charter adopted after the dismissal by the people of the previous regime in 2014.

ITUC-Africa calls on all stakeholders to help put the Burkina Faso back on the path of democracy.

ITUC-Africa urges the African Union (AU), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the Economic and Monetary Union of West Africa (UEMOA) and the entire international community to take action to restore peace and stability in Burkina Faso.

We also call on civil society and the Burkinabe people to promote unity, to preserve peace and progress in their country.

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