STATEMENT

The Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) is following with concern the new situation prevailing in Burkina Faso and the negative impact it may have on the workers and people of Burkina Faso.

Indeed, a group of soldiers on January 24, 2022 through the media announced the seizure of power and the resignation of the elected President, Roch March Christian Kaboré.

OATUU deplores this military coup and calls for a return to constitutional order. This situation is very worrying, because it expresses a democratic backsliding and a deficit in terms of governance in our mother Africa whose children aspire to development, democracy, peace, security and social justice.

The deterioration of the security, economic and social situation, the failure to concretely address the legitimate concerns and aspirations of the workers and the population have weakened the democratic process following the revolution of the Burkinabe people, actively supported by the trade union organizations in 2015.

Thus, OATUU considers that democracy, respect for the popular will, human and labour rights represent the solid foundation on which the future of the African peoples must be built.

Faced with the new situation that Burkina Faso is going through, OATUU expresses its full solidarity with the Burkinabe people and workers who have always been at the center of the country’s history and fight tirelessly to defend their sovereignty rights and gains snatched at the cost of fierce struggles.

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