



General secretary

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## Statement

The UGTT has learned with concern of a hate speech , discriminatory, intolerant and inciting to xenophobia and racism against migrants, and in particular sub -Saharans.

This discourse circulating on social networks and in the gutter media has created an atmosphere of terror among migrants and their families in Tunisia, paving the way for aggression and violence against them and harming the already weakened social peace . by the tensions and frictions which continue to increase because of bad political choices .

The UGTT strongly **deplors** this situation, calls for the immediate suspension of these campaigns which severely affect the reputation of our country, its image and its history and expresses its strong commitment to continue the fight to defend the rights of migrant workers .

It goes without saying that the UGTT has devoted since the 1970s a service dedicated to the migration **question** attached to the department of **international relations** , an initiative followed by the creation in 1999 of the Mediterranean sub-Saharan migration trade union **network** RSMMS, constituting the largest network world on migration .

The UGTT's commitment to the migration issue continued through the establishment in 2018 of " migrant spaces" in three regions in Tunisia as well as the opening of membership to migrant workers .

The UGTT does not hesitate to face up to this deplorable situation and reiterates its strong commitment to defending the rights of migrant workers and their families.

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