

Ambassador Ahmed Boutache's greetings words

In the name of God, Merciful and Compassionate

My Dear Compatriots residing in the United States of America, I Greet You!

Dear Sisters, Dear Brothers,

It is true privilege and a real delight to be able to address you, first and foremost, to convey to you the brotherly and warm greetings of Mr. President of the Republic, Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE, who had included, among his 54 commitments for the construction of a New Algeria, and his highest priorities of the hour, the preservation of the dignity and the protection of the moral and material interests of the national Community abroad, and took, for the benefit of this Community, important measures of which some have not yet finished producing their effects.

Dear Sisters, Dear Brothers, I would like to express my personal greetings to you and to tell you all my willingness and availability to be quite close to each and every one of you and to work with you in the realization of the program of Mr. President of the Republic in your favor, and, more generally, in the service of Algeria.

In all humility, it is for me the greatest honor to represent and serve Algeria and, at its helm, Mr. Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE, the President of the Republic, in the United States of America, a historical and strategic partner.

It was in Washington, D. C, where, nearly four decades ago, I began a career that took me to the four corners of the world and sees me, today, return to the banks of the Potomac where I was an eyewitness to some very beautiful pages in the history of Algerian-American relations, since Algeria's independence, among which I ought to remind, in particular, the release of the fifty-two American hostages in Tehran, on January 20, 1980, the inauguration day of the late President Reagan's first term, and the memorable state visit made to the United States of America, on April 17th, 1985, by the late President Chadli Bendjedid. My very first assignment to the Algerian Embassy in Washington, D.C., where I served under the authority of the great Ambassadors Réda MALEK, Mohamed SAHNOUN - may they rest in peace - and Layachi YAKER, was a real school for me. I would like to pay a heartfelt tribute to these great figures of Algerian diplomacy and to express my gratitude for all the knowledge I have acquired from each one of them and which will certainly come very handy and be invaluable in the accomplishment of this new and heavy mission that the President of the Republic, Mr. Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE, has done me the great honor of entrusting to me.

The objective circumstances surrounding my arrival in Washington, a few days ago, have imposed on me to give, first, all my attention to the imperative obligations inherent to my mission, without, however, diverting me from my sacrosanct duty to greet you.

My first words are to tell you that the process of setting up an institutional edifice, in adequacy with the requirements of the construction of the New Algeria, has, very recently, culminated with the organization of the elections of the APC/APW and the official inauguration, by the President of the Republic, of the Constitutional Court. These results are also those of the Algerian people whose tremendous patriotic impetus has enabled Algeria to overcome adversity and open a new page in its history made of hope and faith in a better tomorrow, equally, for all, in an Algeria more in harmony with the modern epoch's requirements.

The great faith of the Algerian people in their country and their firm will to preserve it from the pitfalls that threaten it deserve to be highly praised.

There is no doubt about it; the challenges remain, but Algeria has the resources to take them up. From now on, all the conditions are met so that all the Algerian women and men, wherever they are, can gather around the founding elements of the New Algeria and the national interests and, together, build the Algeria of tomorrow in which the new generations will be able to know the blooming to which, so legitimately, they have always aspired.

This promising future, Algeria wants to and can build it. Its strategic partners, among which the United States of America occupy an important place, are ready, in the mutual interest, to join its gigantic effort of recovery, on all levels and, particularly, economic and social.

Algeria has great ambitions for its partnership with the United States of America. In this spirit, and now that the major constraints imposed by the global health crisis are increasingly giving way to the hope of seeing life fully regain its rights, in a future that we all hope is not too distant, a bilateral cooperation program backed by a precise timetable will be gradually implemented.

Even if the Covid-19 pandemic remains of an intensity that calls for a constant vigilance, the actions carried out with determination, in Algeria and everywhere else in the world, to take up the multiple challenges that are inherent to it, produce results that do not exclude a relative satisfaction and, furthermore, the hope for better times.

The necessary determination to prevent it from continuing to obstruct, longer and more, the deployment of human activity, in all areas and, especially the economic and social spheres, is strongly manifested through the lifting of the lockdown lifting, with, of course, the preservation of strict compliance with the preventive barrier measures.

In this context, from the beginning of the year 2022, actions of an exceptional density will be undertaken with the objective of allowing the bilateral cooperation to be up to the expectations of the two countries and the two peoples.

***Dear compatriots** established on the American territory, the accomplishment of the national duty that the mother country expects from you is, in particular, your contribution to the realization of two major tasks, determining for the future of Algeria, to which President Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE devotes all of his energy, namely, the great reforms aiming at the deepening of the democratic process and the construction of a more modern, more successful and more prosperous national economy.*

I would like to assure you that you will continue to get the attention sustained and interest of the consular services in Washington, DC, in New York and, soon, in San Francisco where teams of officials are at your service. I will see to it rigorously and personally by remaining, at all times, attentive to your needs and in contact with you. The decision to open a new consular mission in San-Francisco comes, if need be, to tell us, once again, the great interest the Head of State, Mr. TEBBOUNE, is personally and directly paying for everything that related to the Algerian national community abroad and its well-being.

Our attentive listening to you, on daily basis, will certainly translate into concrete actions, through the efforts deployed to provide assistance, in each and every respect, to our fellow compatriots, throughout the territory of the United States of America.

In order to bring public services closer to the citizen, consular missions will be carried out in different cities, at least twice a year, to allow for those of our citizens who, for various reasons, are unable to travel to Washington, D.C., New York or San Francisco, to obtain the services they require.

In order to further strengthen the bonds of brotherhood and solidarity with the members of the national community in the United States of America, and to develop productive joint work, for the benefit of Algeria, the Algerian diplomatic and consular missions present on the American territory will rigorously ensure to join their efforts to those of the associative movement, which plays a very positive role. This action will be conducted with you, for your own benefit and that of Algeria.

Looking very much forward to making field visits to meet with the representatives of the associative movement, I would like to assure you, with the greatest sincerity, that, meanwhile, I remain totally available for any contact, at any time, as I commit myself to remain, permanently, at your service, with the objective of serving you better and serving, together, our New Algeria

The new year 2022 being at our doors, I would like to extend to you, on behalf of all the staff of the Algerian Embassy in Washington, D.C., and on my own personal name, our best and sincere wishes, for you and your families, for good health, much happiness and success in all your projects, throughout the year 2022. Very good and happy year! Warm brotherly greetings. Eternal glory to our martyrs and Long live Algeria!