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Nord-Sud XXI welcomes the efforts made by Algeria to ensure the secure of its people while ensuring respect for the rule of law. When other States have unrelentingly sacrificed human rights in the name of national security we welcome the commitment of Algeria expressed by its Foreign Minister to respect human rights while ensuring national security as well as the government's decision to revoke the national emergency laws.

Algeria has shown a special commitment to promoting the right to self-determination and the right to development. Nord-Sud XXI recognizes the special importance of these rights and the best practice that Algeria has shown in this regards. Algeria's efforts to combat poverty have been of international note. It is noteworthy that Algeria is on track to achieve all of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015, while other States in the region that have been plunged into conflict through foreign intervention have gone off track.

Nord-Sud XXI is encouraged by Algeria's commitment to promoting education and health. The focus on these economic and social rights is welcomed as the progress on education and health contribute significantly to enhancing protection of all human rights.

Finally, Nord-Sud XXI urges the government of Algeria to enhance its efforts to encourage cooperation with civil society. We hope partnership will continue to be built between the government and civil society and between civil society in Algeria and abroad.