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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ وَ الصَّلَاةُ وَ السَّلَامُ عَلَى أَشْرَفِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ

- ❖ Your Excellency , The Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium, permanent coordinator of the UN in Algeria
- ❖ The UN resident coordinator of the UN Women program in Algeria
- ❖ Distinguish guests, Elected Ladies
- ❖ Representatives of national institutions
- ❖ Dear guests,

It is my great pleasure to preside today the closing ceremony of the local elected official's workshops in the framework of the cooperation program between Algeria and UN Women. This event intervenes as part of Algeria's ongoing effort to expand the social, economic and political participation of the Algerian woman.

This woman, whose excellence is not limited to her pre-eminent role today, made history, by her commitment to the just causes of this nation, especially during the glorious war for independence.

She fought, she nursed and she motivated our men to accomplish their heroic mission. Then after independence, women were strongly presents alongside men in the process of the state's construction. And it led to the emergence of their social and economic role until they took a well deserved place in leadership and politics.

It is this field of leadership and politics that has been vigorously pursued by His Excellency the President of the Republic, Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika.

Today there are women ministers, local governors and deputy governors and in other high positions in this young nation.

Women entered into the political sphere by the most honorable way. Today, they are national representative, local governor, local representative and political activist. This brought Algeria to the forefront of the political representation of women in elected assemblies at the continental and regional levels.

The consecration of women's rights through the constitutional revision of 2016 would not have been possible without the firm commitment of His Excellency the President of the Republic, Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika;

His Excellency reaffirms on every occasion the imperative of safeguarding this asset.

On the occasion of the International Women's Day, he invited us in his letter to refer to the Constitution, in the pursuit of efforts in all matters about the relations between the various components of society, governance, the distribution of powers and other principles upon which the State is based.

This has enabled Algeria to increase its efforts to broaden its influence on the Arab and African regions. I may recall that this would not have been possible without peace and security in our dear country.

The last changes in local governor's (5) and deputy governor's corps (37) testifies to this evolution. Women were appointed not only to these senior positions, but also in other senior positions at the central and local governments with a supervisory rate of 21% at the central level and 5% at the local level.

Added to that, the election of 121 women MPs in the last parliamentary elections.

During local elections, the results of the application of Organic Law No. 12-03 of 12 January 2012, which determines the modalities for widening the representation of women in elected assemblies were positive. The rates realized during the municipal elections in 2012, was 16.56% (4,119 elected women) against 0.76% in 2007 and 29.69% (595 elected women) against 6.89% in 2007 for the provincial's.

This dynamic will be reinforced to offer facilitations to the role of the women, by the revision of the legislative texts related to political parties, elections, associations, the local government code, but also the elaboration of a law to promote participatory democracy. All these texts will

carry effective instruments of political plurality, freedom of opinion, transparency, democratic practices. It will allow participation of citizens in the execution of public policies at the institutional level but also in shaping the decision and defining development priorities in a participatory approach.

**Distinguish Guest, Ladies and gentlemen,**

I am very pleased to see the results of the profound transformation of the political role of women, through the success of this workshop, while presiding over the closure of the international cooperation program with the UN-Women Organization.

And I would like to take this opportunity to greet the efforts of the UN Women program and their support in promoting the political work of women in Algeria.

The workshops that you have organized for 800 local elected women from 22 regions through training sessions on seven regions, covering national political legislation, political skills and women's leadership, supervised by experienced experts in pedagogical matters,

This work enabled the elected representatives to acquire skills in the expression and defense of their opinions during the electoral campaigns, in order to reach the criteria of quality and effectiveness. The elected members and especially those who wish to run for the next term showed the greatest interest during this training.

As part of the imminent organization of local elections, which represent an additional pillar to the strengthening of the democratic edifice and an opportunity to realize once again a fair representation of women,

But also to highlight the achievements and the experience of the local elected representative who succeeded in breaking stereotypes by leaving a good impression to the citizens by showing interest in everyday life realities, as a member of the local assembly or chairman of a permanent committee of the assemblies,

Thanks to her convictions and investment in the field work and this is in addition to his militancy in a silent march:

On this occasion, I express my warmest greeting towards any elected representative who contributed to and protected the interests of the nation and the citizen by ensuring the effectiveness of the quota system.

I take this opportunity to announce the establishment of a prize of distinction entitled "The annual prize of the elected woman of the year", which will be awarded each year to the local elected representative who will carry out the best project of proximity,

And this in order to mobilize the energy and creativity of the elected representatives of local assemblies, their skills and their visions in the service of local projects, my services will provide the necessary support.

I will not conclude before inviting voters to exercise their duty on the Election Day and candidates to show self-denial in their work and ambitions.

Also, I would like to express my gratitude to women, who participated in the training workshops and the trainers for their perseverance in the transmission of knowledge,

I pay tribute to the executives and employees of our department at the central and local levels, as well as to anyone who has contributed to the success of this initiative.

I address my warmest greetings and thanks to our UN partners and the Kingdom of Belgium, donor of this program, which confirms that the promotion of the women condition goes beyond national borders and represents a strategic challenge for the future.

Finally, I would like to express all my wishes of success for this restitution meeting in order to draw out prospects for fruitful cooperation in promoting the political rights of women and their effective participation in the management of local affairs.

**Thank you for your attention**