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RESOLUTION on the situation in Niger

The Central Council of the International Association of Judges (IAJ), at its meeting held on October 15, 2025, in Baku, Azerbaijan, during the 67th Annual Meeting of the IAJ, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

- Recalling the communication from the IAJ Presidency Committee for Niger, dated August 18, 2025, condemning the dissolution of the *Syndicat Autonome des Magistrats du Niger* (SAMAN) and the dismissal of its Secretary General;
- Considering the explanatory note from the Secretary General of SAMAN addressed to the participants in the IAJ's international annual meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan, in October 2025;
- Considering that it follows from the explanatory note that the members of the Niger judges' union continue to suffer unprecedented persecution from the transitional authorities;
- Considering that, like the Secretary General, the Deputy Secretary General was also dismissed on August 15, 2025; That the *Syndicat's* funds were frozen and the salaries of the said magistrates suspended;
- Considering the dramatic repercussions of these decisions by the Nigerien political authorities on the freedom of association of magistrates, the independence of the judiciary, and the fundamental rights of the *Syndicat's* members;
- Considering the real risk of placing the Nigerien justice system under the control and direction of the political authority while depriving magistrates of any counterbalance to external interference;
- Considering these serious and unacceptable attacks on the independence of the judiciary, as well as the lack of response from the Nigerien authorities to the various appeals filed by the members of the *Syndicat*;

The Central Council of the IAJ:

- Solemnly renews its full and unwavering support for the magistrates of Niger who continue to suffer the disastrous consequences of the political authorities' decisions;
- Strongly denounces the illegal dissolution of the *Syndicat Autonome des Magistrats du Niger* and the dismissal of its key officials;
- Strongly urges the Nigerien authorities to restore the *Syndicat Autonome des Magistrats du Niger*, to reinstate the unjustly dismissed members of the judiciary, and to lift the freeze on the said structure's funds;
- Solemnly calls on all IAJ associations to mobilize and work collectively to ensure respect for the independence of the judiciary and the rights of magistrates in Niger;
- Finally, calls on the Nigerien authorities to restore institutional guarantees of the independence of the judiciary, in accordance with international standards, and to put an end to abuses that undermine the rights of magistrates and their independent exercise.