

Intervention of **Mr. Mohamed Gahche**

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About the
Bill on Civil Aviation

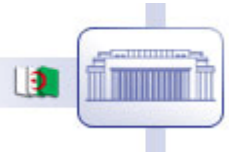
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In the Name of Allah the Almighty and Merciful

- Mr. Speaker of the National People's Assembly
- Your Excellencies Ministers
- Colleagues and Fellows MPs
- Medias
- Honorable Audience

Might peace and Allah's mercy and blessings be upon you

June 15th, 2007 is a historic day for the Algerian community in Canada, the day when we launched the first flight between Algeria and Canada. I have attended the opening ceremony, and it was a happy historic moment with our community, and for this occasion I would like to seize this opportunity to thank the minister of transport and the management of the Algerian airline company (Air Algérie) and its crew without forgetting the great credit due to His Excellency the President of the Republic "Abdelaziz Bouteflika" in making this dream a reality.



Mr. Speaker,

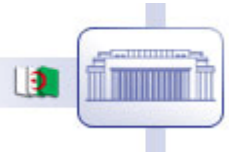
I have already mentioned in my previous intervention that our Algerian community abroad continues to increase, especially in the United States, in this respect I would like to deal with three main points concerning our community abroad:

First: We ask for direct air link between Algeria and the United States of America:

The question is: Is it possible? Why do we have to establish it? Will this link be profitable? How?

The answer: Yes, the establishment of an air link between the United States and Algeria is very important, for the following reasons:

- The United States of America is the greatest country in the world
- Algeria is one of the biggest economic partners of the United States
- The establishment of a link will strengthen the economic, political, tourist and social activities between the two countries.
- The businessmen will be enabled to travel easily, this will increase the investment
- The transport of Algerians who are increasing constantly (500% in the United States).
- The transport of other African communities such as the Tunisians and Moroccans ... etc.
- The elimination of indirect flights where the victim is always our community.
- Linking our community to the homeland which will help to preserve the authentic Algerian identity and heritage.
- There are many African and third world countries which have a direct link with the United States of America, it is in fact the least of our weight "economically or politically"



Second: We demand to provide the Algerian community in Zone 6 America, Asia and Oceania) with the same privileges enjoyed by Algerians living in Europe.

Mr. Speaker

Among the questions raised repeatedly within our community in the United States of America is the problem of the reduction which characterizes the population of Europe and excludes zone 6' population (America, Asia and Oceania) when buying tickets with the Algerian airlines company.

Third: We demand free transportation of the dead in the case of using the Algerian airlines.

Mr. Speaker

One of the major problems is the problem of transporting the dead, since the transportation of the corpse takes over a period of 3 weeks, and this to collect the amount sufficient to transport it, and we know very well as Muslims that this is something prohibited. (To Allah we belong and to Him we return) sincerity of Almighty Allah.

Finally, I thank the Ministry of Transport and other ministries for their participation in the improvement and development of transport to be promoted to the global level.

Might peace and Allah's mercy and blessings be upon you.

Thank you.