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> Guinea: ITUC Welcomes Parliament Decision to End Martial Law

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> Brussels, 23 February (ITUC OnLine): The ITUC has welcomed today's decision by the National Assembly of the Republic of Guinea to reject the demand by President Lansana Conté to extend the "State of Siege" which has been in place since 12 January. "This decision, a unanimous rejection of President Conté's attempt to prolong martial law, should be the first step in resolving the deep and violent crisis for which President Conté is responsible", said ITUC General Secretary Guy Ryder. The President must now respect the will of the Guinean people, and heed the call of the country's trade unions, to immediately implement in full the agreement reached a month ago," he added.

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