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LGO press release on the situation and tasks

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The central committee of the Ligue de la gauche ouvrière (LGO – Workers’ Left League), expanded to include various regional and sectoral coordinations, met on 28 December 2014 at the national headquarters to discuss the political situation in the country and the tasks to be carried out during the coming period. [1]

After discussing the situation and the political events which arise from the parliamentary and presidential elections, the participants stressed the prescience of the previous positions of the LGO, confirmed by subsequent events. They judged that the political bipolarization between the two currents of neoliberal capitalism - confirmed by the results of the elections and the events that flow from them - does not reflect the major contradictions running through Tunisian society.

Moreover, the central committee stressed the need for the Popular Front to continue to advance its project as a political alternative to the forces of the counter-revolution represented by political Islam and the forces coalesced around Nidaa Tounes, by pursuing mass mobilization and the struggles on the ground in the different sectors and regions, as well as in parliament, faithful to the program of the Popular Front and the promises made during the election campaigns.

The central committee concluded its work with the following decisions :

The Ligue de la gauche ouvrière calls for the development of the political interventions of the Popular Front, through a political and organizational restructuring, in order to ensure:

- The mobilization of supporters and sympathizers gained during the elections around the main issues and the pressing demands of the broadest masses,
- The denunciation of the political choices being made,
- The opening of a wider debate within the regional coordinations around the most important tactical and strategic questions for the Front.

The Ligue de la gauche ouvrière left refuses to participate in the government of the parliamentary majority, not only because of the planned alliance between Ennahdha and Nidaa Tounes with the participation of the Islamists, but especially in terms of rejection of the economic and social program hostile to the interests of the broad masses as seen in the disastrous budget recently adopted by the Assembly.

The Ligue de la gauche ouvrière refuses to grant confidence in the expected governmental composition because its program and components will only work to restore the old regime in its major choices and orientations. The LGO calls upon the members of the Popular Front to move away from the logic of the imaginary political polarizations between Nidaa Tounes and Ennahda inside and outside of parliament.

[1] The LGO has two members elected to the national parliament since the October 2014 elections, see [Parliamentary elections](#).