

Communiqué de Presse

The historic production reduction agreement concluded on April 12 between the 23 countries signatory to the Declaration of Cooperation is set to enter into force tomorrow, May 1, 2020.

On this occasion, Mr. Mohamed Arkab, Minister of Energy and President of the OPEC Conference has declared on Thursday that "Algeria is ready to reduce its production from May 1, in accordance with the Agreement".

In the face of the unprecedented difficulties facing the oil market, it is of the utmost importance that all the signatory countries fully implement the production reduction agreement and that the objective is to ensure a compliance rate of more than 100%," has Mr. Arkab stressed, while thanking the other producing countries that announced voluntary reductions of their production.

The minister noted that "the impact of the pandemic on the oil market is severe, and led to very low prices and high inventories".

Remaining optimistic, he considered that "the gradual rise in oil demand due to the resumption of world economic activity on the one hand, and the reduction in supply on the other hand, will lead to a gradual stabilization of the oil market and an upward trend in prices".

Acknowledging that there are many uncertainties and that volatility will remain high in the coming weeks, he reaffirmed that OPEC continues to monitor developments in oil market conditions and prospects, and that it is ready to take whatever action is necessary, in a cooperative and consensual manner with its partners in the Declaration of Cooperation.