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In his message, President Abdelaziz Bouteflika expressed admiration of the economic progress Eritrea has been able to achieve in the past 19 years of independence under the leadership of President Isaias. President Abdelaziz went on to assure his readiness to work on promoting bilateral relations between Eritrea and Algeria as well as strengthening the existing culture of dialogue and political consultations between the two sides.

The President of the Republic of Lebanon, General Michel Suleiman on his part wished President Isaias good health and peace and prosperity for the entire Eritrean people.