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**Cooperation between Tunisia and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights**

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Welcoming* the process of political transition that has started in Tunisia and the commitment of the Transitional Government of Tunisia to fully realize the universal values of human dignity, liberty, democracy and human rights,

*Acknowledging* that in spite of the rapidity with which this transition is unfolding, peace and order has prevailed in the country,

*Welcoming* the process of constitutional reform and the commitment to bring legislation in line with international treaty obligations, as well as the intent expressed by the Transitional Government to strengthen the independence of the judiciary and the implementation of legislation,

*Welcoming also* the general amnesty and the efforts by the Transitional Government to release all political prisoners, to close down detention facilities and to bring transparency to the prison system, in particular through granting access to international organizations and NGOs,

*Also welcoming* the standing invitation issued to all Special Procedures,

*Welcoming further* the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture, the First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Rome Statute, and the Convention on Enforced Disappearances,

1. *Salutes* the courage of the people of Tunisia and *strongly supports* the efforts of the Transitional Government towards a swift and peaceful political transition and the full realization of human rights,
2. *Welcomes* assessment-mission by the office of the High Commissioner for Human rights to Tunisia and the ensuing report, as well as the decision, upon the invitation extended by the Transitional Government, to set up a country office of the Office of the High Commissioner in Tunisia,
3. *Encourages* the transitional Government to continue to work closely with the Office of the High Commissioner in implementing the recommendations of its mission report,
4. *Encourages further* the transitional Government to continue its efforts to ensure accountability for human rights violations,
5. *Invites* all parts of the United Nations system, including the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and Member States, to assist the transitional process in Tunisia, including through supporting the mobilization of resources to tackle the

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economic and social challenges faced by Tunisia, in coordination with Tunisian authorities,

6. *Commends* the Tunisian people for the solidarity shown towards refugees and the assistance extended to them,

7. *Invites* the High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue cooperating with the Tunisian authorities on this matter.