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Madame President,

From the outset, we would like to extend our welcome to the delegation of Tunisia and thank the distinguished ..... for the introductory statement.

We took note that the new national report of Tunisia which focuses mainly on the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the UPR was compiled following the extensive consultations in the country through the involvement of all interested stakeholders.

As the follow-up of our questions in the first cycle, we welcome the efforts of the government to draft new legal provisions to ensure the real independence of judiciary. We also note the creation of the Ministry of Human Rights and Transitional Justice and the fostering the role of the Higher Committee for Human Rights and Basic Freedoms. In that regard, we recommend Tunisia to continue its endeavors for the independent judiciary in accordance with accepted international standards and criteria.

We note with appreciation the social measures such as increasing employment opportunities and minimum wages and allowances as well as the assistance to the families in need, to combat poverty, marginalization and exclusion. We recommend Tunisia to speed up its efforts to reduce poverty and unemployment in the country and decrease the economic and social disparities between the regions.

The measures by the Government of Tunisia to reinforce the participation of all citizens in public life are noteworthy to mention. The adoption of the principle of equal participation of both sexes in the electoral law during the recent elections to the National Constituent Assembly should be noted in that regard. We recommend Tunisia to further its efforts for ensuring the increased participation of all citizens in public life.

Thank you for your attention.