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Finland wishes to thank Tunisia for the presentation of its national report today, and congratulate on the reforms and progress Tunisia has made in strengthening the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Since January 2011 Tunisia has acceded to several international human rights agreements and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Also, a Fact-Finding Commission on Abuses Committed in the Last Period was set up in February 2011 to investigate human rights violations which took place during the uprising. What steps is the Government taking to ensure that the perpetrators of these violations are brought to justice? By what means does the Government seek to ensure that the freedom of expression and the freedom of assembly are guaranteed in the future?

**Finland recommends** that Tunisia ensure accountability for human rights violations by establishing independent and impartial investigation into the violations and abuses committed under the former rule, which in turn should lead to trials of those held accountable, in line with international standards.

**Finland also recommends** that Tunisia take measures to ensure that its national legislation is fully aligned with the international human rights obligations undertaken, including laws affecting the realisation of the freedom of expression and assembly.