

Madam President,

Hungary warmly welcomes the delegates of Tunisia and wishes to congratulate for its exemplary cooperation with the OHCHR which could help to consolidate the achievements of the revolution and further ameliorate the human rights situation in the country.

We commend Tunisia that it maintains a de facto moratorium on the death penalty since 1991, and we welcome the progress made towards full abolition e.g. by the recent amnesty to replace death penalty with imprisonment. Agreeing with the Tunisian civil society we still would **recommend** the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, as it is an indispensable instrument in furthering the enjoyment of the right to life.

We also welcome the recent ratification of the ICC, and we **recommend** Tunisia bring its national legislation in accordance with all obligations under the treaty, including the definition of crimes and general principles, and adoption of provisions to enable cooperation with the ICC.

Finally Madam President, we commend the establishment of the National Fact-Finding Commission on Cases of Embezzlement and Corruption. Corruption not only exacerbates the inequalities in the economic and social aspects of life, but violates human rights, and therefore, we **recommend** a genuine transformation of institutions in order to fully respect the obligations undertaken by Tunisia in international human rights instruments.

Thank you Madam President