

**STATEMENT**

**41th UPR Session of the Human Rights Council**

**on the human rights situation in Tunisia,**

**as delivered by Ambassador Tine Mørch Smith,**

**Permanent Representative of Norway in Geneva.**

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President,

Norway urges Tunisia to ensure the separation of powers, as a basis for safeguarding fundamental freedoms and human rights. [Norway commends Tunisia on the adoption of Law No. 2019-51 on the elimination on violence against women.]

Norway recommends that Tunisia:

1) ensures in law and in practice the rights to peaceful assembly and freedom of expression, in compliance with the ICCPR;

2) ends the use of military courts to try civilians;

3) accedes to the Istanbul Convention and ensures the effective implementation of the relevant legislation;

4) implements its obligations under the 1951 Refugee Convention, and ratifies ILO Convention No. 97 on Migration for Employment and ILO Convention No. 143 on Migrant Workers;

5) ratifies the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR on the abolition of the death penalty.

Thank you.