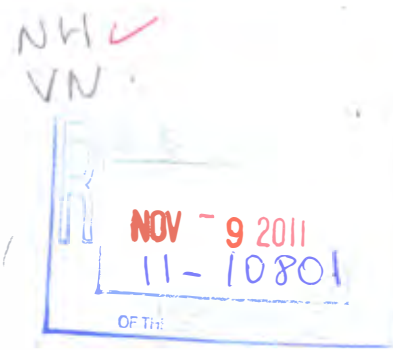


Note to the Secretary-General

**MISSION TO TUNISIA AND SAUDI ARABIA  
11-14 November 2011**



1. I would like to inform you that I will be travelling to Tunisia and Saudi Arabia from 11 to 14 November. I will be joined by the UNICEF Deputy Executive Director for the Saudi portion of this mission.

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2. In Saudi Arabia, I will meet with the Secretary-General of the Organisation for Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the OIC and OCHA as well as discuss ways to increase the participation of the OIC and their humanitarian partners in multilateral humanitarian response mechanisms, especially in Somalia and the Horn of Africa. My mission will lay the groundwork for a series of technical-level missions to the OIC to further develop joint protocols for improved information sharing and coordination in future crises. While in Jeddah, I will also meet with the Islamic Development Bank to discuss possible areas for collaboration between our two organisations.

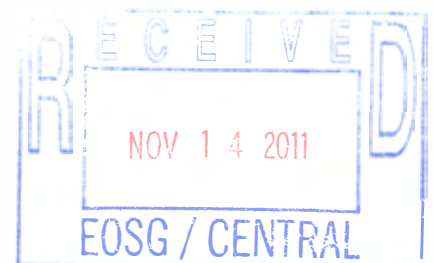
3. Prior to travelling to Jeddah, I will attend the annual Mo Ibrahim Foundation prize ceremony in Tunis, Tunisia. In the margins of this event, I will speak with the Chairperson Ping of the African Union about our plans to visit Sudan together in December, and about the ongoing response in the Horn of Africa and other humanitarian crises on the continent.

4. Additionally I will meet with the President of the African Development Bank to discuss how to improve preparedness in Africa and possible partnerships between the Bank and OCHA. I will also attend the Coalition for Dialogue on Africa's discussion forum on democratic transition in Africa. Finally, as we scale down our Libyan operation, I want to take the opportunity to thank the UN Resident Coordinator in Tunis for his support to OCHA and other humanitarian partners during the emergency phase.

*Valerie Amos*

Valerie Amos  
9 November 2011

cc: Ms. Clark  
Mr. Nambiar  
Mr. Pascoe  
Mr. Lake



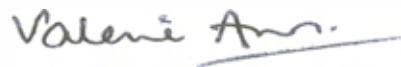
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**Note to Mr. Nambiar**

**Mission to Tunisia and Saudi Arabia**

I enclose herein a note to the Secretary-General informing him of my upcoming visit to Tunisia and Saudi Arabia from 11-14 November 2011.

I would be grateful if you could kindly transmit the attached note to the Secretary-General.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Valerie Amos" with a horizontal line underneath.

Valerie Amos  
9 November 2011