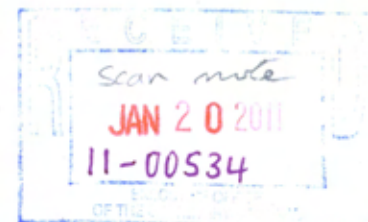


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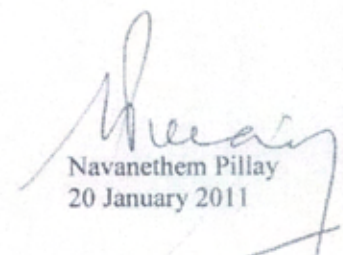
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Note to Mr. Nambiar

OHCHR mission to Tunisia (25-30 February 2011) //

1. It is with great attention and concern that I have been following the recent developments in Tunisia. Bearing in mind the grave human rights situation which has prevailed in the country for decades, and which has been at the root of the protest movement, I have decided to dispatch a team of highly experienced OHCHR staff members to Tunisia from 25 to 30 January 2011 to carry out an assessment of the situation, establish necessary contacts and explore possible avenues of assistance.
2. While the situation remains fragile, as illustrated by the continued unrest and changes within the interim government, I think that it is critical for the United Nations to demonstrate at this early stage support to the Tunisian people.
3. This mission thus aims at: 1) establishing contact with the interim authorities, representatives of UN entities, civil society organizations and other national and international actors; 2) assess the independence, impartiality, mandate and competence of the national Commissions established to investigate human rights violations and corruption; 3) gather information and discuss measures taken by the interim authorities in relation to human rights; 4) explore opportunities to provide technical assistance to further human rights protection and compliance with international human rights obligations and; 5) recommend concrete follow-up actions by OHCHR.
4. I have contacted the interim authorities who have welcomed this mission. My Office is working out the details of the mission with all concerned parties, including the UN Resident Coordinator in Tunisia.
5. I will keep you informed about relevant actions taken by my Office.


Navanethem Pillay
20 January 2011

Cc: L.Pascoe
G.Starr



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OHCHR Mission to Tunisia

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Attached please find a self-explanatory note on OHCHR mission to Tunisia.
Best regards,

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