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Statement by the spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on parity in Tunisian elections

The spokesperson of Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Commission, issued the following statement today:

"The High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy welcomes the proposal by the Council of the Tunisian High Commission for the Fulfilment of the Goals of the Revolution, Political Reform and Democratic Transition of a Law on the parliamentary elections that enshrines the principle of male-female parity for any candidates' list submitted.

It demonstrates that Tunisia intends to ensure full participation of women in political life. Women have played a key role in the revolution. Now Tunisia has the opportunity to further consolidate gender equality and end all forms of discrimination against women in law and in practice. By putting these principles at the heart of all ongoing political reforms, Tunisia can be a beacon of innovation for the region and beyond."

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