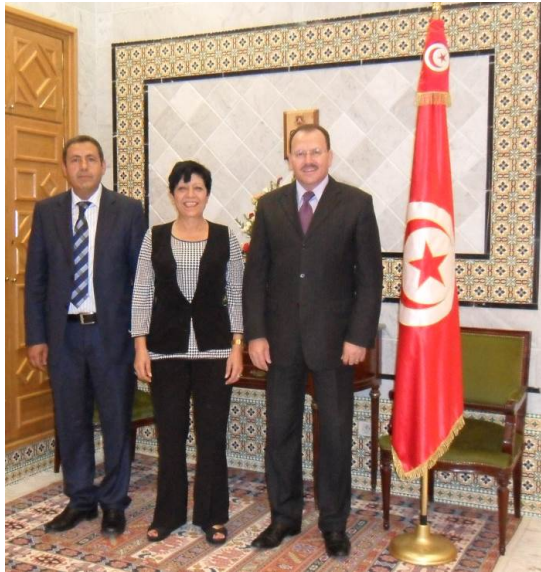


**PRESS RELEASE N. 252/2014****ECOSOCC: DELEGATION OF THE AFRICAN UNION RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF TUNISIA**

**Tunis, Tunisia - September 29, 2014** - Mr. Faisal Gouia, Tunisian Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, received on 29 September 2014, at his office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, members of the African Union delegation on official visit to Tunis within the framework of the ongoing sensitization and motivation campaign of the civil society organisations to participate in the elections of the Second Assembly of the Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC) of the African Union (AU) .

During the meeting, the Secretary of State stressed the importance of the fundamental role that of the ECOSOCC with regard to the wellbeing of the African citizens as well as the need to contribute effectively to the achievement of African integration. He indicated that Tunisia values the campaign led by the African Union in view to ensure a successful elections of the General Assembly of ECOSOCC.

Mr. Faisal Gouia congratulated the AU Commission for its commendable efforts to bring the Union closer to its citizens and to ensure their participation in a democratic and transparent manner to the elections of the 2nd Assembly General ECOSOCC.

The delegation of the African Union was composed of Mr. Jalel Chelba, Head of the Division of Civil Society in the Department of Civil Society and Diaspora (CIDO) and Ms. Habiba El Mejri Sheikh, Director of Information and Communication (DIC).

The sensitization meeting at which all Tunisian civil society organizations were invited, will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, from 09.30 in the meeting room of the Centre for Information, Training, Studies and Documentation Associations (IFEDA).

Media representatives are invited to attend the proceedings of the meeting and to cover the awareness and motivation campaign to be held in the meeting room of the Centre for Information, Training, Studies and Documentation Associations (IFEDA) 66 Avenue Muawiya ibn Abi Sofiane El Menzeh 7.

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