

**PRESS RELEASE 254/2014****ECOSOCC: AFRICAN UNION DELEGATION RECEIVED BY THE TUNISIAN SECRETARY OF STATE IN CHARGE OF GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC SERVICE**

Tunis, Tunisia - September 30, 2014 - Mr. Anouar Ben Khelifa, Secretary of State in charge of Governance and Public Administration of the Tunisian Republic, received today 30 September 2014, a delegation of the African Union, on a working visit to Tunis as part of the awareness campaign of civil society for the elections of the Second Assembly of the ECOSOCC.



During the working session in the Government Palace located in Kasba, Tunis, the Secretary of State expressed the will of his country as a founding member of the Continental Organization to support the programs and activities of the African Union and encourage the participation of the Tunisian civil society in the ECOSOCC processes.

Mr. Anouar Ben Khelifa underlined that in the current Tunisian context marked by freedom of thought and action, the organizations of Tunisian civil societies are called to project themselves in

Africa by developing partnerships among other development projects of the continent.

"Tunisian civil society, which has actively contributed to the democratic transition of the country, will certainly play its rightful role at a continental level by being represented quantitatively and qualitatively in the elections of the 2nd General Assembly of ECOSOCC" the Secretary of State underscored.

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

The organizations of the Tunisian civil society have been invited to take part in the sensitization meeting on the ECOSOCC scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 2014, from 09.30 am in the conference room of the Centre for Information, Training, Studies and Documentation on Associations (IFEDA), Tunis.

Media representatives are invited to attend and cover the awareness and motivation campaign at the IFEDA Centre, **66, Avenue Muawiya Ibn Abi Sofiane, El Menzeh 7.**

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