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STATEMENT

Statement by High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini on the presidential elections in Tunisia

On Sunday 21 December Tunisians marked a milestone in their country's transition to democracy by freely electing their President for the first time.

I should like to congratulate Mr Beji Caid Essebsi on being elected President of Tunisia. The European Union remains committed to working with the new Tunisian authorities, and with all elements of society, to help consolidate the democratic gains envisaged in the new Constitution, and to support the implementation of the reforms needed for an economic and social transition of benefit to all Tunisians.

Throughout the electoral process the Tunisian people have sent a message of hope to all others who, like them, aspire to a more peaceful, democratic and prosperous future.

The special Partnership between Tunisia and the European Union provides the appropriate framework for strengthening our bilateral relations. The EU is committed to using the Partnership's full potential in the shared interest of all our citizens.

The EU has supported the whole electoral process and also sent an election observation mission. The mission will continue its work in Tunisia and observe all stages of the electoral process until its conclusion.

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