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## STATEMENT

### by the Spokesperson on the parliamentary election in Tunisia

*"We wish to commend the Tunisian people for their active participation in the parliamentary election held on 26 October. We also praise all the candidates and parties that competed in a peaceful manner, particularly since this was the second election within three years.*

*As stated by Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroek, EU Chief Observer of the Election Observation Mission (EOM) "the Tunisian people are consolidating their democracy through inclusive and credible elections".*

*These elections are a sign of democracy taking root in Tunisian society and are a major achievement in a region that has so often been marred by instability and violence. We look forward to the completion of a fully transparent electoral process.*

*The EU stands ready to work closely with the newly elected Assembly of People's Representatives, the Tunisian authorities and institutions in responding to the challenges that lie ahead and remains fully committed to enhance its privileged partnership with Tunisia.*

*The Assembly of People's Representatives will now have the critical task of consolidating the political and institutional transition and fundamental freedoms through the effective implementation of the new Constitution. The economic and social challenges will be a priority for the new Assembly, which will have to create an enabling legal environment for business and investment to boost economic activity and job creation throughout the country.*

*These legislative elections have been organized in an orderly and thorough manner, which is an encouraging sign as preparations are made for the upcoming first round of presidential elections, which is scheduled for 23 November. The EU Election Observation Mission (EOM), led by Mrs Neyts-Uyttebroek, will remain in Tunisia until the whole electoral process is completed."*

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