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Heads of Mission in Tunisia reaffirm the importance of socio-economic and financial stability in Tunisia and a swift return to functioning democratic institutions.



Joint statement by the Heads of Mission of the Embassies of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the Delegation of the European Union:

As the Heads of Mission of the Embassies of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the Delegation of the European Union in Tunisia, we strongly support the people of Tunisia in their pursuit of effective, democratic, and transparent governance.

We reaffirm the importance of socio-economic stability in order to provide for the Tunisian people. We encourage, and stand ready to support, the swift implementation of the steps necessary to strengthen Tunisia's economic and financial situation, including

those under discussion with international partners, to protect the most vulnerable, and to create the basis for sustainable and equitable growth.

As Tunisia takes its sovereign decisions about economic, constitutional and electoral reforms, we restate the importance of respect for all Tunisians' fundamental freedoms, and inclusive and transparent engagement with all stakeholders, including diverse political and civil society voices, with a clear timeline allowing for a swift return to functioning democratic institutions, with an elected parliament playing a significant role. This will help to ensure widespread and lasting support for Tunisia's future progress. We stand ready to support Tunisia and its people in addressing the challenges ahead.

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