

Statement of Solidarity with the Tunisian General Labor Union

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After the Tunisian General Labor Union came under a fierce attack by the so-called Leagues for the Protection of the Revolution on December 4, 2012, including the storming of the union's headquarters and the assaulting with extreme violence of its activists, employees and leaders, the Arab NGO Network for Development would like to:

- Stress its support for the leading national role played by the union in all stages of Tunisia's modern history, including the January Revolution in 2010 and later in the democratic transition stage,
- Strongly denounce the attack that targeted the union and unionists,
- Stress its support for the union's calls for disbanding the leagues and putting those responsible of them to trial,
- Reject all unfair statements and acts seeking to depreciate the union's national role, and call for an official apology for all statements that targeted the union, and
- Support the union's right to resort to all legal and civil means to defend its role and the legitimacy of its struggles, including the defense of economic, social and political rights and democratic freedoms that guarantee the Tunisian people's interests and support the independence of their decisions.

The Arab NGO Network for Development would finally like to stress the importance of respecting and defending public freedoms, including the freedom of association, especially during the founding stage that the Tunisian people are passing through; this would safeguard the democratic process, the respect of human rights and the participation of all concerned parties in shaping futuristic options that influence their lives. The Arab NGO Network for Development would



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also like to denounce all attempts to exclude the civil society and its institutions from participation in this stage.