

"Whole world closely following situation in Tunisia, forerunner of democratic change in Arab region" (Pascoe)



"The whole world is closely following the situation in Tunisia which has led the democratic movement in the Arab region and wants to lay the foundations of a new democracy that would guarantee progress and prosperity," U.N. Under-Secretary for Political Affairs Lynn Pascoe said during his meeting, on Tuesday in Tunis, with Education Minister Taieb Baccouche.

Mr. Pascoe particularly stressed the UN's will to boost co-operation with Tunisia and support it in this transitional phase, by helping it organise free, democratic and transparent election of the National Constituent Assembly, through the mobilisation of technical and logistic means.

For his part, Mr. Baccouche said the Caretaker Government has spared no effort to create necessary conditions for the organisation of the first democratic elections in Tunisia since independence, specifying that the government's role in this event is to provide material, human and technical means to the High Independent Authority for Elections.