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## GOPAC Commends Tunisia's Legislators for Passing Corruption Fighting Constitution

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**GOPAC** is a worldwide alliance of parliamentarians working together to combat corruption, strengthen good government, and uphold the rule of law.

**Ottawa, Canada** – The Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) commends the legislators of the Republic of Tunisia for drafting important anti-corruption measures in their new Constitution.

“Corruption breeds unstable governments and hinders the social and economic progress of citizens the world over,” said GOPAC Chair Ricardo García Cervantes. “By including anti-corruption measures in their Constitution, Tunisia’s legislators have shown great leadership and commitment in the region to ensuring that their country is governed with honesty and transparency.”

The Constitution calls for the creation of a Commission for Good Governance and Anti-Corruption which will contribute to and implement anti-corruption policies. In Article 10 requires the state to prevent corruption in the management of public funds.

“We congratulate Tunisia for adopting its new constitution after three years of a peaceful revolution that enlightened the Arab world and transformed politics of the region. This important achievement should be followed by a national work to fight corruption; it’s widely believed that corruption has played a significant role in motivating the Arab spring due to dissatisfaction with the rule of corrupt and autocratic governments,” said Dr Saadi Mohammad, Chair of GOPAC’s regional chapter Arab Parliamentarians Against Corruption (ARPAC).

GOPAC and ARPAC are currently working with Tunisian legislators to establish a national chapter.

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