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The Party for Reform and Development  
(Hizb al-Islah w al-tamniah)

The Presidency. Elections. Video Tapes.

Final Version of the Electoral Statement 2011

The Party for Reform and Development's (Al-Islah w al-Tamniah's) Stance

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French Text:

The Party for Reform and Development is a modern political Tunisian party that is deeply rooted in Arabo-Islamic culture. The PRD refers to the values of the Republic and to the right to an effective citizenship to contribute to the reinforcement (to reinforce) of unity and national freedom in the political leadership of citizens in their daily lives.

The Revolution for Dignity and Freedom, on its glorious historic date, allows Tunisians to change their [political/social] conditions from their roots, and to cut ties with systems of tyranny and corruption, and and to consecrate themselves, and to build a state that will provide services to the people and hold the citizen in high regard. This cannot be achieved without the active participation of voters in electing the National constituent assembly and the consecration of the meaning of citizenship.

My brother the voter... My sister the voter:

We are the DRP candidates and we are your family. We are among those who advocated for reform and we are involved in it theoretically and practically (in daily practice), we are among those who spoke with people and acknowledged their concerns and supported their demands for justice and expressed their concerns/demands in different political, professional, and social institutions and arenas... Thus we are motivated by our love for the nation and we are honored to serve it, and we are also moved by our love for the people and our need to alleviate their suffering.

We move forward in this department to gain your trust so that we may represent you in the constituent assembly and we will do this by introducing you to our trajectory before the revolution and after it, in true struggle, and righteousness, and loyalty to the blood of our martyrs, and commitment to the values of the revolution, and our decision to introduce ourselves to you through the platforms of the DRP, for it is a party that was named prior to 1/14/2011, a party that makes a goal out of full and just developments, and sustainable reform through transitions, it refuses systems already in existence and polarizing ideologies, it is proud of and supports its Arabo-Islamic identity and does not see a conflict between said identity and modernity.

Our Vision for the Constituent Assembly:

- The National Constituent Assembly is a move from the transition period and fragile compatibility to electoral legitimacy.
- Facing our country's developmental challenges and at the forefront of the vision are the issues of employment, regional balance, and improving living conditions,

reducing the electoral period, and we estimate that one year is enough to complete the tasks of the constituent assembly.

- The transition period is not an opportunity to present programs for facing challenges, but for the transfer of political authority and place it under the jurisdiction of the representatives of the people, and for expediting compensations, alleviating grievances, and leading the country towards conciliation, rehabilitating state institutions in order to crystalize a national program for a new Tunisia.
- The National Constituent Assembly possesses full sovereignty though it is not absolute, and favors the trust of the people in its management of the transition period, and it listens to the 'pulse of the streets' (aka: the will of the people) and understands the needs of this period, and it interacts with the will of the Tunisian people inside the Assembly and outside of it.
- Choosing a temporary (transitional) president and government whose work is based on the priorities of the transitional period, protecting the gains of the people and ensuring security and the maintenance of personal freedoms, and improving public transportation, and dealing with emergency situations, listening to the demands of the youth especially in the domains of work and political participation.
- Implementing a new constitution for the Republic based on a Democratic system.
- Relies on an electoral system that reflects the richness and diversity of Tunisian reality and strengthens the positions of political parties and ensures the transparency of elections and limits the possibility of political dominance.

#### A New Constitution that Consecrates the Sovereignty of the People:

- Makes freedom an essential value for individual and communal lives, and assures the democratic participation of that allows for all participants to contribute to national interests and decisions.
- Defines the meaning of citizenship and opposes all forms of favoritism among citizens, and assures the neutrality of the government and security forces, and makes the elections the only basis for political legitimacy (for rule).
- Assures the state's national unity, its continuation and promotes its independence.
- Promotes the elements of a civil state as it agrees with its cultural environment and Islamic/Arabic modernity.
- Establishes a parliamentary system that ensures transparency and accountability in governance.

- Dedicated to decentralization and to a local democracy, by involving stakeholders in the national decision-making process and by giving all parties equal representation.
- Ensures the integration of powers and its balance and integration.
- Establishing a constitutional court that ensures the place of the constitution and the appropriateness of the laws within it and that bodies and individuals have the right to instigate (change laws?).
- Protects human rights and ensures social and economic rights and equality for all.
- Ensures the citizens rights in an uncontaminated environment, and protects the rights of generations to natural resources and sustainable development.

#### Our Choices/Selections:

#### Developmental, economic, and social choices that ensure:

- Improving current developmental programs that are working towards realistic diagnoses and broad consultations and adopt a specifically positive transition for the benefit of those who have not had the chance to develop.
- Achieving full (all-inclusive) devilment, that address employment demands and fights poverty and improves the overall quality of life for citizens, and increases their level of efficiency and their improves their creative abilities.
- Building a national economy that would allow for the state to invest in strategic sectors, and ensure that there are enough job opportunities and equal distribution of surplus among all individuals and bodies. This will be done through just reforms and freedom of individual and group initiatives.
- Improving social politics that supports the family and supports its libertarian gains in the personal status code. Working towards enabling women to achieve real equality between the sexes.
- Supporting the lower class, improving public transportation, health, education, and housing.
- Rationalizing of water resources and the use of energy while also improving renewable energy.

#### Educational/Cultural choices that ensure:

-Reviewing educational philosophy and the system of values oriented towards Tunisian education towards true reform that is in agreement with Islamic and Arab identity and true implementation of veritable modernity, as it is in agreement with the values of the revolution such as freedom, labor, dignity, and justice.

-Improving the quality of education and prioritizing scholarly research and achieving compatibility between education and labor.

-Establish a culture of human developmental purpose establishes values of innovation and workmanship and combat corruption.

-Improving intellectual and cultural life and establishing institutions that would allow for scholars to be innovative thus, allowing scholarship/intellect/culture to contribute to the development of a modern, civil, and moral consciousness, and to fine-tune individual tastes in order to promote intellectual creativity (artistic/literary/intellectual).

- Building a cultural industry that is in tune with the current era and supports innovation and publication and encourages the youth to produce culture.

External politics that strengthen Tunis' position on the regional and world stages:

-Support the national decision of working towards pan-North African integration, and improving Tunisia's relations in a way that supports its Arabo-Islamic affiliations. Working towards a victory for urgent causes such as the Palestinian cause and combatting the normalization of the Zionist entity.

-Opening Tunisia up to Europe and other International nations in a way that would strengthen economic ties while also insuring national sovereignty.

- Supporting the dialogue among civilizations in a way that brings nations closer together and respects each country's cultural needs. This will help end injustice and racism and promote world peace and stability.

Daughters and Sons of Tunisia. Ladies and Gentlemen

Our neighbors and our friends, our colleagues and our students, and our family and loved ones...

Vote for new ideas and politics and for new faces and individuals...

Vote for those who wish to bring you hope in reform...

Vote for the DRP.

Vote for our party.