

# Tunisia – 2016

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13. **Mr. Ghedira** (Tunisia), speaking as a youth delegate, said that women had always played a central role in Tunisia. Noting the efforts of pioneering women in such fields as medicine and politics, stretching back as far as the ninth century B.C., he said that women were seen as essential drivers of the country's development and pillars of society because of the role they played in raising future generations. There was no contradiction between the freedom of women and Islam.

14. In 1956 a ground-breaking law had been passed that banned polygamy, formalized divorce and required the consent of both parties for marriage. Since then, the Government had continued to strengthen women's role in society. For instance, electoral lists had to include equal numbers of male and female candidates, and women accounted for 30 per cent of members of parliament. Although much remained to be done, particularly in terms of legislative change, young Tunisians were optimistic as the country had always been a leader in the field of gender equality.

