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Dear Mr Italianer,

Pressing ahead with democratization while at the same time increasing security – this is one of the pivotal challenges that Tunisia faces today. This also becomes evident from the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo tomorrow. On the one hand, the Norwegian jury will honor those forces that saved the Tunisian democratic project in 2013/14. On the other hand, jihadists trying to derail this project struck Tunisia for the third time this year just two weeks earlier.

How promising and sustainable is Tunisia's democratic and socio-economic development and what should Europe do to support Tunisia? In the Bertelsmann Stiftung's new publication "A fact check for Tunisia" the authors Christian-Peter Hanelt, Hauke Hartmann and Tim Lewis Poppenborg argue that Tunisia's government is in principle initiating the right kind of reforms and has been able to attract ample support. However, external support should be coordinated more strongly and Tunisia still has to prove that it is able to implement the agreed reforms. Moreover, the constitution, which is model for the Arab world, should not exist in name only, but needs to become political reality through the adoption of laws.

Yours sincerely,
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