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Freedom for Amina

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We, the Feminist Party of Germany, are writing to express grave concern regarding the threats of death and violent punishment to Amina Tyler following her sharing a photo with a message of women's bodily autonomy on social media. Amina is a courageous nineteen-year-old who stood up for women's human right to have ownership over their bodies. Women's bodies do not belong to society and they are not a source of "honour" or "shame." This young person, who has found her most fundamental human right threatened, surely has the right to protest.

Amina's actions have not harmed anyone. She has not committed any violence against another person. There is no justification whatsoever for the calls for her death and flogging emerging from various quarters in Tunisia. These threats are, in fact, a threat to Amina's most fundamental human rights. We urge the Tunisian government to ensure that these threats are not carried out. We urge you to prioritize this issue and ensure Amina's safety immediately.

We are sure that the Tunisian authorities are aware of the international concern around Amina's safety. Should anything happen to Amina, Tunisia's reputation will be irrevocably tarnished in the international arena, and very possibly have an impact on Tunisia relations with other nations, especially tourism. If a woman is punished simply for stating that her body is her own and does not belong to society, this will send a clear message to women around the world: that Tunisia is not a safe country for women.

As a party with a membership base among women in Germany and connections with women's parties and organizations elsewhere in Europe, we are aware that the sentiment among women towards Tunisia is not positive at the moment. We are worried for the safety of women travelling to Tunisia and for our sisters there.

This is in direct contrast to Tunisia's progressive post-independence policies on women's rights. Your country has made gains in the areas of women's reproductive rights, rights related to marriage, divorce and age of consent, access to education, participation in the workforce etc. Just as there was international spotlight on the

significant role women played in the revolution of 2011, there is now growing concern about the present and future of women's rights in Tunisia. We hope that these rights will be safeguarded, strengthened and expanded as they should be - and not be weakened or diminished.

Your government's actions in the case of the threats against Amina Tyler will send a strong and clear message to the global community about where Tunisia stands on women's rights and where it is headed. We sincerely hope that Tunisia will set a positive example by ensuring Amina's safety and well-being and protecting her human rights, even as the world watches.

Sincerely,

Board of Feministische Partei DIE FRAUEN, Germany