

**The General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign/External Affairs of all Member States and has the honour to inform them that the Government of the Republic of Tunisia has decided to present the candidature of H.E. Mr. Hatem Ben Salem for re-election as one of the members of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights which will be filled during the forthcoming 33rd Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government.**

**Attached hereto is copy of the note addressed to the General Secretariat by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Tunisia to the OAU together with the Curriculum Vitae of H.E. Mr. Hatem Ben Salem.**

**The General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministries of Foreign/External Affairs of all Member States the assurances of its highest consideration.**

**Addis Ababa, 28 April, 1997**

**To: The Ministries of Foreign/External  
Affairs of All OAU Member States**

## **ADDIS ABABA**

**The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Tunisia to the Organization of African Unity presents its compliments to the OAU General Secretariat, and has the honour to inform the latter that the Government of Tunisia has decided to present the candidature of H.E. Mr. Hatem BEN SALEM for re-election as member of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, during the elections taking place on the sidelines of the OAU Summit slated for Harare in June 1997.**

**Mr. BEN SALEM who holds a Doctorate Degree in Law, is currently Barrister-at-Law in Tunis and Assistant Professor of International Law at the Faculty of Law and Political Science, Tunis.**

**Prior to his appointment as Tunisian Ambassador to Senegal, Mr. Ben Salem occupied the post of Director of the Centre for Research and Administrative Studies at the National School of Administration, Tunis, and that of Legal Adviser (Human Rights in Africa) at the Council of Europe.**

**He is author of a book entitled "Human Rights in Africa" as well as several articles published in newspapers and specialized national and international magazines.**

**Owing to his position as Vice-Chairman of Africa's Commission on Human and People's Rights which he has held since July 1992, BEN SALEM was able to play a role much cherished by his colleagues, in the accomplishment of the mission assigned to the Commission.**

**In view of the aforesaid and the great importance it attaches to the fundamental principles of Human Rights, be they political, economic, social and cultural in nature, and the promotion of these Rights on the African continent, the Government of Tunisia has the honour to solicit the support of all Member States for**

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**Mr. Hatem BEN SALEM's candidature. His curriculum vitae is attached hereto.**

**The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Tunisia to the Organization of African Unity requests the OAU General Secretariat to kindly convey the contents of this Note Verbale to all Member States, and avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the latter the assurances of its highest**

consideration.

Addis Ababa, 15 April 1997

**-GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE  
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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**-Hatem Ben Salem**

- **Nationality: Tunisian**
- **Born on February 8, 1956 - La Marsa - Tunisia**
- **Married - 3 sons**
- **Doctorate in Law - University of Paris**
- **Barrister - Bar of Tunis**

- **A. Professor - Faculty of Law and Political Sciences - University of Tunis**
- **Head on the Research and Studies Centre of the Public School of Administration - Tunis.**
- **Ambassador of Tunisia to Senegal**
- **Legal Adviser on Human Rights in Africa - Council of Europe.**
- **Lecturer and Supervisor of several conferences and training sessions on Human Rights in Africa and on the international level.**
- **Consultant to several international, governmental and non-governmental organizations (United Nations, OAU, League of Arab States, UNESCO, Arab League Economic, Cultural and Social Organization (ALESCO), European Union, Council of Europe, International Commission of Jurists, African Centre of Human Rights).**

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**-Publications:**

- .The Challenge of Human Rights in Africa**
- .Several articles published by national, African and international newspapers and scientific reviews on the issues of Democracy, Development and Human Rights in Africa.**

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**Country:** Tunisia

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