Decree-law n° 2011-42 dated 25 May 2011, amending and completing law n° 82-70 dated 6 August 1982, relating to the general status of the internal security forces.

The President of the Republic by interim,

On a proposal from the Minister of the Interior,

Having regard to law n° 82-70 dated 6 August 1982, relating to the general status of the internal security forces, amending and completing law n° 2000-58 dated 13 June 2000,

Having regard to decree-law n° 2011-14 dated 23 March 2011, relating to the temporary organization of public authorities,

Having regard to the deliberation of the Council of Ministers.

Enacts the following decree-law:

Article one - Are repealed, the provisions of article 11 and the subparagraph 3 of article 12 of the law n° 82-70 dated 6 August 1982, relating to the general status of the internal security forces and replaced by the following provisions:

Article 11 (new) - The agents of the internal security forces are entitled to the trade union action and to constitute, for this purpose, professional trade unions independent of all other professional trade unions and their unions.

The founders of the professional trade union shall, as soon as it is established, deposit a copy of its status and the list of its leaders at the administrative authority to which belong the agents of internal security forces adhering to it. This same administrative authority shall be also informed, according to the same method, of any modification relating to the status of the trade union or the list of the people in charge of its administration or its direction.

It is forbidden to the agents of the internal security forces, in the exercise of trade union action, to resort to the strike or to block, in any way whatsoever, the work flow.

Article 12 (subparagraph 3 new) - It is forbidden to the agents of the internal security forces to adhere to an organization of political nature or engage to any similar activity.

Art. 2 - It is added a subparagraph 4 to article 9 of the law n° 82-70 dated 6 August 1982, relating to the general status of the internal security forces, whose content as follows:

Article 9 (subparagraph 4) - The agents directing the professional trade unions of the agents of the internal security forces may give to the medias declarations relating to their trade-union activity.

Art. 3 – The Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Justice, each in his respective capacity, shall implement the decree-law herein which shall be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Tunisia.

Tunis, 25 May 2011.

The President of the Republic by interim

Fouad Mebazaa