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### SOCIAL AFFAIRS- UN-WOMEN

#### Agreement on integration of gender approach signed



Signing ceremony

TUNIS, Jan 30, 2008 (TAP) - A partnership agreement on "integration of gender approach and the fight against violence to women in Tunisia" was signed, on Wednesday, by Tunisia, on the one hand, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), on the other. Tunisia is represented by the women, family, children and elderly affairs ministry and the National Family and Population Board.

The agreement aims at strengthening efforts meant to reduce disparities between men and women. Additionally, it comes to strengthen the national strategy in fighting violence against women and its implementation on the regional and sectoral levels, in association with partners from the public sector and civil society.

The agreement also aims at favouring production of data that would help define the issue of violence and conceive of the methods of rationalising intervention for the benefit of victimised women. These efforts should contribute to change mindsets and enforce the law.

Women, family, children and elderly affairs minister Sarra Kanoun Jarraya highlighted the importance that the department attaches to strengthening of partnership between the governmental sides and international organisations.

For her part, the UNDP's representative underlined the importance of this agreement in strengthening the ministry's orientation in partnership with the United Nations organisations. She underscored the will to associate, in the future, other international organisations in order to develop and multiply the gains achieved for the benefit of women in Tunisia.

She also emphasised the key importance of the gender approach, in light of the challenges of globalisation.