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**TUNISIA: Hamma HAMMAMI, member of the unauthorized *Parti communiste des ouvriers tunisiens* (PCOT, Tunisian Workers' Communist Party**

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The trials of Hamma Hammami, set for 16 March in Sousse and 17 March in Gabès, have both been postponed. The trials are now set for 6 April in Sousse and 7 April in Gabès.

Trial observers from Amnesty International and other organizations were aware that his trial in Gabès on charges of belonging to an unauthorized organization, holding illegal meetings and distributing unauthorized leaflets, would be postponed at the request of the defence. However, there had been no prior indication that his trial in Sousse, where Hamma Hammami was detained after his arrest and torture and where he is accused of assaulting a policeman and falsifying identity papers, would be postponed. On 16 March, however, with three international trial observers present, it was postponed without warning on the grounds that the court was still awaiting part of the file on the case.

This is for information of the UA Network. Appeals may continue as in the most recent follow-up of 11 March, but there are no further recommended actions at present. Thank you to all who have sent appeals on behalf of Hamma Hammami.