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Subject: Tunis task list

You had asked for the Tunis task list. We developed a baker's dozen. Bill Taylor has assigned an account holder for each.

1. List for S of exactly what's been delivered to Tunisia, from all USG sources, and what's in the pipeline with realistic expected dates of delivery.

3. Strategy on how to leverage the loan guarantee and the \$100 to get others (EU, IBRD, EBRD, GCC) on board. Can we join with others for a package? The Tunisians say that they seek 1 billion Euros for each of two years. S is willing to make calls, to try to match dollar for dollar or better. Let's build our contribution into something bigger.

5. Look at military assistance again, specifically 1206 but also FMF, to see what's possible in terms of border security equipment.
6. Talk to FBI about getting forensics expert(s) to Tunis to help on assets recovery. The FBI was ready to go a year ago, but the GOT wasn't ready. Now the GOT is.
7. Work with J on microcredit ideas. Tunisia has some microcredit facilities (Enda, say), but how do we greatly increase these? Maria Otero is more than willing to focus on how we get private foundations and banks who specialize in microcredit to expand to Tunisia. Given visitor burden on Embassy Tunis, the more we can rely on private sector leads (that don't require extensive Embassy hand-holding) the better.
8. Develop a strategy for how we get U.S. companies to use our franchise facility. How do we make sure this lives up to its potential and has a real impact?
9. Answer the GOT's January aide-memoire with a letter from S to the Tunisian President and PM. S promised early March for this letter, which should outline what we're doing, what we want to do, etc. Aim for March 10 to deliver. Should be as expansive as possible, without over promising.
10. Talk to Pat Kennedy about FSI's Arabic language field school. Given upheavals in the region, is our plan for decentralized language training still realistic? Will the programs we had counted on to substitute for FSI still exist, given drop in foreign students in places like Cairo?
11. Talk to Treasury about saving the FCS position at the African Development Bank, or at least the FCS FSN slot there.
12. Look at staffing of Embassy Tunis, in terms of right-sizing in light of new reporting, visitor, etc requirements.
13. Turn off upcoming USTR visit, as Tunisia is not ready. (Ambassador Gray and Jake Sullivan are handling this; no action needed on our part.)

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