OPINION No. 13/1997 (TUNISIA)

Communication addressed to the Government on 1 October 1996.

Concerning: Mr. Khemais Chamari.

<u>Tunisia is a party to the International Covenant on Civil and</u> <u>Political Rights</u>.

1. The Working Group on Arbitrary Detention was established by resolution 1991/42 of the Commission on Human Rights. The mandate of the Working Group was clarified and extended by resolution 1997/50. Acting in accordance with its methods of work, the Working Group forwarded to the Government the above-mentioned communication.

2. The Working Group notes with appreciation the information forwarded in good time by the Government concerned in respect of the case in question, although it does not refer to all the information requested.

3. The Working Group further notes that the Government concerned has informed the Group that the above-mentioned person is no longer in detention. It is said that he was released on 30 December 1996 for humanitarian reasons.

4. Having examined all the available information and without prejudging the nature of the detention, the Working Group decides to file the case of Khemais Chamari, under the terms of paragraph 14.1 (a) of its methods of work.

Adopted on 18 September 1997.