

## **Decree-Law No. 2020-17 of May 12, 2020, issued by the Head of Government, relating to the unique citizen identification number**

The Head of Government,

On the proposal of the Minister of Local Affairs and the Minister of Communication Technologies and Digital Transformation,

Having regard to the Constitution, in particular Articles 24, 49, and 65 thereof, and the second paragraph of Article 70 thereof,

Having regard to Organic Law No. 2004-63 of July 27, 2004, on the protection of personal data,

Having regard to Organic Law No. 2018-29 of May 9, 2018, on the Local Authorities Code,

Having regard to Law No. 57-3 of August 1, 1957, regulating civil status, together with the texts that have amended or supplemented it, the most recent of which is Law No. 2010-39 of July 26, 2010,

Having regard to the Tunisian Nationality Code promulgated by Decree-Law No. 63-6 of February 28, 1963, relating to the revision of the Tunisian Nationality Code, ratified by Law No. 63-7 of April 22, 1963, as amended by subsequent texts, the most recent of which is Law No. 2010-55 of December 1, 2010,

Having regard to Law No. 2020-19 of April 12, 2020, empowering the Head of Government to issue decree-laws with a view to addressing the repercussions of the spread of the coronavirus "Covid-19,"

After deliberation by the Council of Ministers.

Adopts the following decree-law:

**Article 1** – A register called the "Unique Citizen Identifier Register" is hereby established. It shall be maintained and managed by the ministry responsible for local affairs.

**Article 2** – The management of the Unique Citizen Identifier Register shall be governed by the provisions of the legislation on the protection of personal data.

**Art. 3** – The unique citizen identifier shall be assigned to any natural person:

- who has Tunisian nationality and is registered in the civil registry of births,
- of Tunisian nationality born in a foreign country, registered with the diplomatic or consular mission accredited in that country,
- having acquired Tunisian nationality by naturalization.

**Art. 4** – Data relating to the persons referred to in Article 3 above must be kept for thirty years after death or permanent loss of nationality.

**Art. 5** – The list of organizations authorized to use the unique citizen identifier and the purposes for which it may be used shall be determined by government decree, after consultation with the National Authority for the Protection of Personal Data.

**Art. 6** – The unique citizen identifier must not contain any information that could reveal the identity of its holder.

**Art. 7** – Citizens must be able to consult the following:

- all actions performed on their unique citizen ID and the organizations that performed them,
- all organizations that have used their unique citizen ID.

**Art. 8** – The content of the unique citizen identifier, as well as its technical specifications and the rules governing the maintenance and management of its Register, shall be determined by government decree, after consultation with the National Authority for the Protection of Personal Data.

**Art. 9** – This decree-law shall be published in the Official Journal of the Republic of Tunisia and shall enter into force on the date of its publication.

**Tunis, May 12, 2020.**