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Further Information on UA 337/08 (EUR 30/011/2008, 10 December 2008) Forcible return/Fear of torture or other ill-treatment

ITALY **Mourad Trabelsi (m), aged 38, Tunisian national**

Mourad Trabelsi was forcibly returned to Tunisia on 13 December. So far neither his family nor lawyer has been informed of his whereabouts.

Mourad Trabelsi was released from prison in the town of Pavia, northern Italy, on 21 November. He had served six and a half years' imprisonment on charges related to international terrorism. In 2005, he was convicted in his absence of similar offences by the Tunis military court and sentenced to 20 years in prison. Amnesty International believes that trials before military courts in Tunisia violate international fair trial standards.

He is the second Tunisian national to be forcibly returned from Italy this year in defiance of an interim measure from the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), asking for the deportation to be stayed on the grounds of the risk of torture and other ill-treatment in Tunisia.

Amnesty International will monitor Mourad Trabelsi's situation, and take further campaigning action as necessary.

No further action is requested from the UA network at present. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.