Mr. De Bané also suggested that Canadian companies establish correspondents in Tunisia in order to participate fully in the economic development of the country.

For his part, Tunisian Minister of Finance Mansour Moalla lauded Canada's efforts as pioneers in helping his country during their economic revival period. "We are most grateful for the assistance we received from your country over the years. We look forward to Canada exploring all avenues of mutual interest and concern," Mr. Moalla told the Canadian delegation.

The next Canada-Tunisia Bilateral Commission meeting will be held in Ottawa next year.