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To the Tunisian Ministry of Higher Education,

Greetings from the San Francisco Bay Area, California.

I'm writing with a letter of support for the University of Sfax's new "Data Engineering and Semantics" research unit. This will be administered from the Computer Science and Communications Department, Faculty of Sciences of Sfax, University of Sfax in Tunisia. The group will be led by Dr. Mohamed BEN AOUICHA. The University of Sfax needs this new "Data Engineering and Semantics" research unit to facilitate the work of Wikimedia Researchers at the university, as part of its official research structure. The main goal of the unit is to promote and monitor research efforts about Data Engineering and Semantic Technologies within the University of Sfax. Data Engineering and Semantic Technology research is needed to improve the usage and processing of knowledge databases including wikis. Effectively, this University of Sfax group will work to develop tools to make better the quality of the linked data of Wikidata, and to use and develop Wikidata there for a variety of purposes including clinical decision support, Natural Language Processing and Education. They will also analyze the output of wikis, identify deficiencies and work to solve them.

As president of the research university, the (MIT OCW-centric wiki) World University and School (and planning online major research universities in all ~200 countries) I'm writing in support of this project.

Sincerely,

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