

First meeting of Tunisian-Libyan banking partnership was held on Friday 9 January 2009 in Tunis and chaired by Governors of the central banks of the two countries, Mr. Taoufik Baccar and Mr. Farhat Bengdara.

The two parties stressed the excellent cooperation relations between Tunisia and Libya, which helped to boost and increase the bilateral transactions under incentives and follow up of leaders of both countries, President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali and the Leader Mouammar Kadhafi.

This meeting which dealt with the outlook of financial and banking cooperation between Tunisia and Libya focused on exchange of the Tunisian and Libyan currencies and the possibility of creating a Tunisian-Libyan banking card.

Stress was put on the need to boost the concluded convention with respect to data exchange and financing of businesses established in both countries.

This involves, notably, facilitating payments between the two parties and harmonizing electronic clearing systems.

The two Governors decided to intensify meetings between bank managers in the two countries, implement the different bilateral conventions and develop cooperation between the Tunisian and Libyan banks.