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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN – ARREST OF WOMEN’S RIGHTS ACTIVISTS

Your Excellency,

I urge you to take steps to end violence and discrimination against women in Egypt once and for all.

I call on you to:

- Amend the law to ensure that all provisions on violence against women and girls, including marital rape and other forms of domestic violence, are in line with international human rights standards. Clear instructions must be given to law enforcement and judicial officials to diligently investigate violence and harassment against women and girls.
- End the judicial harassment of women human rights defenders for peacefully exercising their human rights.
- In consultation with experts including women's and human rights defenders, lawyers, doctors, psychologists, and educators; devise and implement a strategy to stamp out all forms of violence against women, including a public awareness raising campaign to combat discrimination, sexual and gender-based violence and gender stereotyping.
- Repeal all legislation and end practices that discriminate on the grounds of sex or gender and especially amend discriminatory provisions in all personal status laws, in line with Egypt's obligations under the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Sincerely yours

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