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**Statement by Norway.**

President,

We welcome the human rights provisions in the new constitution in Egypt, and urge an immediate implementation of these provisions in law and practice.

Norway recommends the following;

First, to protect freedom of assembly and association by revising the Protest Law, eliminating all interference with the registration and work of NGOs and guaranteeing their right to seek and receive funding, and halting the ultimatum for unregistered NGOs;

Second, to refrain from stigmatizing and criminalizing the work of NGOs, human rights defenders, and journalists;

Third, to immediately release all imprisoned journalists, prisoners of conscience and human rights defenders;

Fourth, to ensure that freedom of expression be safeguarded in all its forms, including artistic expressions;

Fifth, to ensure that trials and pre-trial detention comply with due process rights in the ICCPR and articles 54 and 55 of the constitution, and end all military trials of civilians;

And finally, sixth, to invite and set dates for visits by the Special Rapporteurs on Human Rights Defenders, Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association, and on the Freedom of Opinion and Expression.

Thank you.