Urgent appeal concerning Hassan Mahmoud Ragab El Kabany

1. Hassan Mahmoud Ragab El Kabany is a freelance journalist, born on 27 July 1983, resident in Area 2, Mogamma 6, 6th of October City.

2. He was arrested on 24 January 2015 and detained in a high-security prison in the Tora prison complex in connection with case No. 718/2014, which falls under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Supreme State Security Court, on the charge of spying on behalf of a foreign country. He was brought before the Supreme State Security Prosecution Office for interrogation and for the purpose of extension of his pretrial detention for the legally specified term.

3. There is no evidence of the veracity of the allegations concerning the accused’s hunger strike or of his claim that he was subjected to beatings and torture inside or outside the prison in order to extract confessions.

4. The accused has been granted all legal rights in accordance with the prison rules and regulations in force and in accordance with relevant international standards, and his purchases from the prison cafeteria contradict the claims of a hunger strike. In addition, frequent visits by his relatives (his parents and his wife) have been authorized by the Supreme State Security Prosecution Office. He is also permitted to meet with his defence counsel to discuss developments in the case concerning which he is being held in pretrial detention.

5. The accused has had full access to medical treatment and health care in his place of detention. On 23 November 2015 he was examined by a consultant on diseases of the digestive system and was found to be suffering from colitis. He underwent medical treatment and his general condition is stable.
The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations Office, the World Trade Organization, and Other International Organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Special Procedures Branch), and with reference to the Joint Urgent Appeal dated October 28th 2015 concerning Mr. Hassan Mahmoud Ragab El Kabbany (Ref: UA EGY 15/2015) concerning allegations of torture and ill treatment during detention of Mr. Hassan Mahmoud Ragab El Kabbany, has the honor to attach herewith the information provided by the Ministry of Interior of the Arab Republic of Egypt concerning the aforementioned communication, and looks forward that the enclosed information be brought to the attention of the mandate-holders who presented the aforementioned joint communication, and be duly reflected in the relevant communications report to be submitted to the Human Rights Council.

The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations Office, the World Trade Organization, and Other International Organizations at Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Special Procedures Branch), the assurances of its highest consideration.

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الالتزام بالعاجل بشأن المواطن حسن محمود رجب القباني

1- المواطن حسن محمود رجب القباني (صحفي حر- مواليد 27 يوليو 1984- مقيم بالمنطقة القاحلة مجمع 3 بمدينة السادس من أكتوبر).

2- تم ضبطه يوم 24 يناير 2015 وإدانته بسجن مشهد الحراسة بمجمع سجون طره على ذمة اتهامه في القضية رقم 2 حصر أمن دولة عليا بتهمة التخابر لصالح دولة أجنبية، وتم عرضه على نهاية أمن الدولة العليا للتحقيق معه والنظر في تجديد أمر حبسه إحتياطياً في المواضيع القانونية المقررة لذلك.

3- لم يُستدّل على صحة ما ورد من ادعاءات بإضراب المثلي المذكور عن الطعام والشراب أو تعرضه للضرب والتعنيب بغرض انتزاع اعترافاته منه داخل أو خارج السجن علي حد زعمه.

4- يتمتع المذكور بكافة حقوقه القانونية وفقاً تنظيم وقوائم السجون المختلطة والمعدلات الدولية ذات الصلة، وله تعاونات مالية مع كافيتريا السجن مما يتفق وافية إضرابه عن الطعام، كما سبق له لهدوءه (والدته وزوجته) التردد عليه لزيارته عدة مرات لمكان حبسه ومن ثم يتصرف صادقاً عن نهاية أمن الدولة العليا، كما يُسمح له بلقاء محاميه لمتابعة تطورات موقفه في القضية المحيطة إحتياطياً عليه ذمنها.

5- يحظى المذكور بالرعاية الطبية والصحية اللازمة والكاملة بمحبة عالماً بأنه تم عرضه يوم 23 نوفمبر 2015 على استشارة أطباء الجهاز الهضمي حيث تم تبين معاناته من التهاب بالقولون (قولون عصبي) وتم صرف علاج دائري له وحالته العامة مستقرة.

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