The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations Office, 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 June 1st, 2015 concerning "alleged arbitrary detention, torture, ill-treatment of Mr. Ahmed Shaaban Youssef and Mr. Ibrahim Shaaban Youssef" (Ref: UA EGY 6/2015), has the honor to attach herewith the information provided by the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt in relation to the allegations included in the aforementioned Joint Urgent Appeal, 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, 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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1. ___________________________ (17 years old, a student) was arrested on 22 February 2014 pursuant to an arrest warrant issued by the Public Prosecutor's Office in case No. 741/2014 (Arbacen police department in Suez) on account of his membership of the Muslim Brotherhood terrorist organization and his participation in a number of criminal acts, including blocking streets and setting fire to police vehicles. He was referred to the Public Prosecutor's Office, which decided to keep him in detention for a period of 15 days. The detention order was renewed within the legally specified deadlines. He was placed in the juvenile detention wing of the Ataka police department and separated from adult detainees. There is no evidence that he was subjected to torture or ill-treatment.

2. ___________________________ (14 years old, a student and a brother of the above-mentioned detainee) was arrested on 2 March 2015 pursuant to an arrest warrant issued by the Public Prosecutor's Office in case No. 647/2015 (Suez) for the offence of setting fire, as an act of revenge for the arrest of his brother ___________________________, to a vehicle belonging to the Secretary of the Public Prosecutor's Office attached to the Suez Court of Plenary Jurisdiction. He was referred to the Public Prosecutor's Office, which decided to commit him to a care facility in the Governorate of Suez. That order was renewed within the legally specified deadlines. On 13 May 2015, the Suez Court of Plenary Jurisdiction ordered his release. There is no evidence that he was subjected to torture or ill-treatment during his detention.