

*Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of  
Egypt to the United Nations Office, WTO  
and International Organizations  
in Geneva*



البعثة الدائمة لجمهورية مصر العربية  
لدى الأمم المتحدة  
ومنظمة التجارة العالمية والمنظمات الدولية  
الأخرى في جنيف

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The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations Office, the WTO and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Special Procedures Branch), and with reference to the letter dated 4 May 2021 "Egy 3/2021" concerning a joint urgent appeal from Special Procedures about "Abdulrahman Gamal Metwally Ibrahim" and "Omar Gamal Metwally Ibrahim", would like to express its strong protest on the content of this communication.

The language used in this communication breached the code of conduct for special procedures mandate-holders of the Human Rights Council, especially articles 9 (a), 9 (c) and 9 (d) which necessitates that the communication should not be manifestly unfounded or politically motivated, and the language in the communication shouldn't be abusive and that the communication be submitted by persons acting in good faith in accordance with principles of human rights, and free from politically motivated stands.

The communication mentioned in its 1<sup>st</sup> page, and in the name of the mandate holders, that the aforementioned nationals were arbitrarily arrested in connection to what they called "the military coup of 2013", in a way reflecting the political stance of the "brotherhood" infamous terrorist group towards the revolution of 2013 in Egypt.

Moreover, and although the aforementioned nationals didn't claim that they were discriminated against on the basis of their religion, there is no obvious reason for adding the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief to this joint statement, and referring in the 4<sup>th</sup> page to article 2 (1) of the ICCPR on the discrimination on the basis of religion, especially when it comes in the context of referring to members of a terrorist group, which raises many doubts about the official positions of the special procedures in this regard.

Based on the above, the Mission expresses its strong reservation on the breaches done through this communication, and refuses to acknowledge it and considers it void.

The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations Office, the WTO and other International Organizations in 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.

Geneva, 25 May 2021



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