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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 of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers (UA Egy 8/2022), dated 2 September 2022 concerning the allegations regarding the case of Mr. Ahmed Mohammad Abdelgelil Hamad, has the honor to attach herewith the reply of the Egyptian Government to the aforementioned communication.

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.

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**Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations, the World Trade Organization and other international organizations in Geneva**

**Response from the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the communication received from the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers concerning Ahmed Mohammad Abdelgelil Hamad**

The submission of this response by the Egyptian Government reflects its sincere desire to respond positively to the communications of Special Rapporteurs and its commitment to compliance with its constitutional and international human rights obligations. The Government also views the response as an opportunity to achieve transparency and to rectify concepts that may be based on politicized or unfounded information.

1. It should be noted at the outset that the Egyptian authorities aspire to guarantee equality in terms of legal rights and obligations for all citizens without discrimination. We wish to highlight in this context the role assigned to law enforcement bodies in receiving citizens' reports and complaints, investigating and monitoring them, and taking the necessary measures, in accordance with the relevant constitutional and legal rules and regulations, with a view to protecting the rights of all citizens. This is applicable to the information contained in the communication on the reports concerning Mr. Ahmed Mohammad Abdelgelil Hamad.

2. We wish to draw attention in this context to a communication from [REDACTED] which states that when he was driving his private car in the El-Bahr Street in the Second District of Tanta, he was surprised by another car in which Mr. Ahmed Hamad and someone else were travelling. They stopped his car and insulted him, and when the defendant drove on, they tried to collide with him. While he managed to avoid them, he collided with another person in the area, injuring his right foot. The communication was registered as Tanta Second Misdemeanour Case No. 20937 of 2022 and Tanta Second Investigation No. 858 of 2022, and the case is still under investigation.

3. On the other hand, [REDACTED], in his capacity as the representative of Mr. Ahmed Hamad, submitted a communication stating that the latter had participated in a television interview with [REDACTED] concerning the famous case known in the media as "Naira's killer", during which [REDACTED] requested a meeting with Mr. Ahmed Hamad, and the latter apologized for lack of time. [REDACTED] then defamed him, and when Mr. Ahmed Hamad was driving his car, [REDACTED] and a group of people intercepted him and attacked him with defamatory comments and insults. They tried to take his car keys to prevent him from departing, and although they assaulted him he managed to escape. The defendant ([REDACTED]) was also accused of extortion, threats and spreading fake news. The complaint was registered as Tanta No. 8275 of 2022.

4. In light of the foregoing, we wish to state that the allegations contained in the communication are unfounded. All the above-mentioned facts have been taken into account in the legally guaranteed safeguards and procedures, in particular the investigations of the communications that were exchanged without the State authorities being a party thereto. In addition, the charges against Mr. Ahmed Hamad are being investigated by impartial and independent judicial bodies. The accused has every opportunity to submit his material defence, in accordance with the applicable legal provisions, in a manner that denies the suspicion of maliciousness or abuse, as stated in the communication. The allegations also concern a case that is still being considered by the judicial authorities.

5. It should be noted that the said person continues to exercise his right to present a defence before the Egyptian courts, so that he has not yet exhausted all domestic remedies. Accordingly, we believe that it is premature to pose

questions or to discuss the progress of a case that is still being investigated by the judicial authorities, and that it should not be addressed in an extrajudicial context.

6. In conclusion, the Egyptian Government appreciates its continuous cooperation with mandate-holders with a view to enabling them to play the role assigned to them. The Government reiterates its determination to protect and promote the fundamental human rights and freedoms of all citizens without discrimination, including their right to litigate and to lodge complaints, which are investigated by independent judicial bodies in a manner that warrants the protection of all the guarantees enshrined in the Constitution and the legislation, in accordance with the basic principles of a democratic State.