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The Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Special Procedures Branch), and with reference to the joint communication REF: AL EGY 9/2025 dated 22 December 2025;

The Permanent Mission of Egypt has the honor to attach herewith the reply of the Government of Egypt to the above-mentioned joint communication (3 pages).

The Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Special Procedures Branch).

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(Translated from Arabic)

Reply of the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt
to the joint communication from a group of special rapporteurs (AL EGY 9/2025)
concerning Ms. Hoda Abdel-Moneim

A joint communication was received from the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism. The communication contained allegations that Ms. Hoda Abdel-Moneim suffered violations while in custody under charges of being involved in terror offences.

In submitting the present reply, the Government of Egypt underscores its genuine desire to interact positively with United Nations special procedures and to fulfil its international human rights obligations. The reply seeks to bring transparency and to correct an understanding that might be based on politicized or erroneous information

In the light of the current situation, and as the communication concerns a topic that has already been addressed in replies to numerous prior communications, the response of the Government of Egypt will seek to address the communication as a whole without reiterating information previously provided to mandate holders.

Allegations regarding the trial of Hoda Abdel-Moneim Abdulaziz

- Ms. Hoda Abdel-Moneim was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 5 years in Supreme State Security case No. 730 of 2020, registered as Nasr City I District Criminal case No. 19719 of 2024. The case concerned charges of committing acts aimed at financing the activities of members of the Muslim Brotherhood terrorist organization. She is serving her sentence, which began on 30 October 2023, in the Tenth of Ramadan IV Correctional and Rehabilitation Centre for Women.
- The individual concerned is also one of the persons accused in Supreme State Security case No. 800 of 2019 on charges of knowingly joining a terrorist group. She was referred to the First Settlement Criminal Court under case No. 21582 of 2024 and New Cairo Criminal Court under case No. 3041 of 2024.
- The judicial proceedings taken against Ms. Hoda were in line with the relevant Security Council resolutions, including paragraph 2 of resolution 1373 (2001), which concerns criminal proceedings and investigations, and their associated safeguards, in cases of terrorism. In fact, Egypt applies ordinary criminal procedures, including safeguards relating to the accused person's right to

defence. The action taken was also consistent with Security Council resolution 1624 (2005), which stresses the importance of States acting to prevent terrorists from exploiting sophisticated technology and communications to incite support for criminal acts. The case at hand relates to terrorist activities and their financing, which are crimes that pose a direct threat to public security. Nonetheless, Ms. Hoda was not subjected to any extraordinary measures that might give colour to the allegations that her right to a defence was violated.

- As concerns the claim made in the communication that her case was “rotated”, the Government wishes to affirm that the State Prosecution Office exercises its powers in complete independence, and that there can be no interference in the functions or decisions of prosecutors save via an appeal before the competent courts. If prosecutors receive reports indicating that an order for the release of an accused person has not been put into effect, they must launch an immediate investigation and apply the law accordingly. The State Prosecution Office can receive reports from any natural or legal person, from national councils or from civil society organizations, and such reports can be filed using all available channels, including via a publicly accessible online system. Thus, the allegation being made is incorrect, and the truth is that the matter concerns repeated criminal conduct.

- The communication contains allegations about a deterioration in Ms. Hoda’s health, a failure to provide her with the necessary medical care and the emergence of health [REDACTED] [REDACTED] – during her detention. It should be noted that she is being detained in a facility that complies with international standards and that she receives regular medical care from prison doctors, who closely monitor her state of health, as they do that of other inmates. [REDACTED]

- She receives proper healthcare – on a regular basis, at her own request and in cases of emergency – on an equal footing with other inmates.

- The claim that Ms. Hoda has been denied contact with her lawyers and family is untrue. In the course of her detention and up to the time of writing the present reply, she has received regular visits from family members, [REDACTED]

In conclusion, the Egyptian Government urges the Special Rapporteurs to avoid being driven by politicized allegations submitted by certain parties, who seek to undermine the reputation of Egypt in the international community. Terrorist groups, for instance, are systematically and repeatedly engaged in producing false allegations, distorting facts and questioning legal and judicial proceedings and the outcome of such proceedings. The Government reiterates that it is committed

to the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all citizens without discrimination. Moreover, according to the Constitution, the Government is responsible first and foremost to its own people, while the independent Egyptian judiciary is the sole authority with competence to ascertain the veracity of alleged human rights violations, to hold the perpetrators accountable and to guarantee redress for the victims.