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Egypt will hold a new election soon. A free and fair election as Para 21 of human rights declaration and 25 of ICCPR guarantees such approach. The lack or insufficiency of comprehensive mechanisms of national and international monitoring to the upcoming election can cause human rights violations possibly leading to violence. We urge the government of Egypt to invite independent national and experienced international observers in all upcoming elections. Moreover Egypt should consider further training of law enforcement officials, judges and police officers in the area of human rights.

Death penalty never solves the causes of violence in a country. On the contrary, it causes, spreads, and deepens the violence. Although allowed in very seldom cases in ICCPR, it should always be addressed as legal murder, impermissible in times of peace. Südwind ask Egypt's legislation, execution and judiciary systems to reconsider this issue and, until abolishing it and forever stop practicing the death penalty, adopt a moratorium and commute sentences to life imprisonment.

Südwind urges the government of Egypt to remove all reservations to the Convention on the elimination of all forms of discriminations against women. Social and economic development of a country is very much dependant on empowerment of women. We also recommend Egypt to intensify its efforts and investment to provide education and occupation for women to be a functioning part of civil society and economy. Practices harming and disabling women must be stopped. The prevention of Female Genital Mutilation should be *de facto* included in health planning and *concrete* strategies.

Südwind recommends Egypt to release persons detained or imprisoned solely for exercising their freedom of expression on the internet.

We urge the government of Egypt to ratify all individual complaint mechanism of United Nations (including) *inter alia* optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. We recommend the immediate invitation of Special Rapporteur on torture and facilitate his visit to the country.

We further recommend Egypt to ratify the Rome Statute and accept the International Criminal Court. Efforts to campaign against impunity accepted by Eygept will be strengthened.

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