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International Community Must Take Measures to Protect Demonstrators in Egypt and Prevent the Recurrence of Past Tragedies

General Assembly Meetings is a Good Opportunity to take Measures to

Protect the Right to Demonstrate in Egypt

Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK (AOHR UK) called on the Secretary-General of the United Nations -during the UN General Assembly meetings- to work with countries concerned about the human rights situation in Egypt to take practical measures to protect the right of citizens to demonstrate, in addition to sending a clear message to the regime warning it from using the same oppressive measures it used for the past six years.

AOHR UK added that it is unacceptable for the UN to turn into a rhetorical forum allowing heads of state like Sisi, who is an oppressor to his people, to take over the forum and give false lessons in human rights and community development.

AOHR UK further stated that the Egyptian people who suffered for six years of repression, deterioration of economy, as well as the increasing unemployment and poverty have decided to raise their voice and go out to the streets demanding change, a right guaranteed by international law and should never be violated under any circumstances.

AOHR UK pointed out that evening demonstrations in the last two days were peaceful, where demonstrated chanted demanding change, however the security forces brutally attacked them. Videos showed security forces firing tear gas at the demonstrators, dragging them on the floor and arresting them.

AOHR UK stressed that the Egyptian people have insisted to practice their right to demonstrate, and this is an indication that demonstrations will continue during the upcoming days. The UN Secretary-General should take measures to prevent the regime from using brutality and lethal force against the demonstrators.

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