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**Statement by the
International Commission against the Death Penalty
on trial of Former President Mubarak and senior officials**

Former President Mubarak, former Interior Minister Habid el -Adly and other senior officials are on trial for the killing and injuring of protesters in January and February 2011. The trial is an occasion to reveal the truth about the unlawful killing of anti government demonstrators but it is important that the process is conducted according to internationally recognised fair trial standards and without recourse to the death penalty.

The International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP) opposes the imposition of the death penalty in all situations. ICDP believes that the death penalty violates the right to life proclaimed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and should not be applied in any circumstances. ICDP also recalls that there exists no evidence which confirms the deterrent effect of the death penalty.

There is a clear global trend away from capital punishment as evidenced by UN General Assembly resolutions calling for a moratorium on the use of the death penalty as a step towards abolition. More than two thirds of all states have now abolished the death penalty in law or practice. ICDP hopes that Egypt will also join the community of states that have abolished the death penalty and as a first step Egypt should introduce a moratorium on executions.

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