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Mr. President Joseph Biden, United States of America
Mr. Secretary General Antonio Guterres, United Nations
Mrs. President Ursula von der Leyen, European Union Commission

Dear Madam, dear Sirs,

Make COP27 Attendance Conditional on Releasing Political Prisoners

From November 7-18th 2022, Egypt will host the COP27 United Nations Climate Change Conference. Dignitaries from around the world will attend this conference to discuss one of the most pressing issues of our time. By all accounts, President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi's tyrannical regime is one of the most oppressive in the world with more than 60,000 political prisoners. This fact is antithetical to the principles of justice, human rights, and the rule of law that the United Nations, the USA and the European Union have enshrined in their founding charters.

With this letter, we call the European Union, the United Nations and the United States to make their attendance at COP27 conditional on Al-Sisi releasing all political prisoners and on the guarantee that demonstrations will be allowed to proceed.

By participating in the COP27 and acting as if there is nothing amiss, the USA, the UN and the EU would give their tacit approval of President Al-Sisi's horrible crimes and send the message to Egyptian citizens that their freedom does not matter in front of Western powers' interests.

Throughout the COP27 conference, and especially on November 11th, Egyptians will be protesting peacefully against the Al-Sisi regime. For years, Al-Sisi has not tolerated demonstrations, responding with brutality and arrests. The eyes of the world must be on the public squares of Egypt, forbidding Al-Sisi from adding to the teeming misery of his prisons.

COP27 is a rare opportunity to give hope to the Egyptian people and to send a clear message to Al-Sisi. That he will not have the recognition he craves as long as human rights abuses carry on.

Sincerely,

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