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2. PARTNERSHIP NETWORK INTERNATIONAL (PNI) is an NGO based in Geneva, Switzerland. It was founded in 2014 to promote human rights and sustainable development through capacity building, project sponsorship, and international advocacy transmitting to the United Nations (UN) the concerns of the civil society. PNI is active in some fifteen countries. HOMENA is one of PNI section working in Human rights and Development in the Mena region.

3. PARTICIPATORY DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS (PDS) Founded in 2011 a consultancy organization dedicated to the advancement of sustainable human development in Egypt and the Arab region through fostering of economic empowerment, vibrant civil society, citizen-centered policies, peace-building, social transformation, and sustainable solutions for food security, water management, and solar energy. PDS achieves its mission by implementing capacity building, strategizing, research, advocacy and networking, business development, project management, and evaluation.

4. ABNAA EL-MAHROUSA FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PARTICIPATION (EL-MAHROUSA); Is a nonprofit organization registered in 2017 but has been working in the society since 2011 with the aim to promote economic empowerment, the freedom of civil society and the promotion of citizens' participation in public life, it has been keen to enable NGOs, trade unions and youth to have effective roles in achieving sustainable development of society within the framework of public rights and freedoms that protect the rights of all citizens without any form of discrimination.

5. MASHREQ FOUNDATION for Development and Population: is an Egyptian NGO established in 2008. It aims at supporting and promoting the institutional and human development in the economic, social and human rights sectors and focused on promoting women's economic and social rights had an electoral awareness project for women in rural areas supported by the International Foundation for Electoral Systems, a project 'strengthen the mechanisms of transparency, accountability and community supervision on local development plans' supported by (USAID). And 'a safe working environment for women' project supported by the United Nations Fund. AL MASHREQ FOUNDATION is partnering with the Ministry of Social Solidarity, Ministry of Youth and Sports and the Ministry of Education.

6. DOING; Founded in the Netherlands in 2018, with a strong local presence in MENA. Our work is dedicated to equip communities, businesses and organizations with the tools, knowledge and connections they need to increase their incomes, empower their capacity, increase their resilience, enhance their sustainable development, and gain access to basic services – empowering them to participate effectively in their public spheres and respecting the universal values of human rights.

7. HOMENA is a section of PARTNERSHIP NETWORK INTERNATIONAL (PNI) present in Mena region countries working in Human rights and Sustainable Development in the objective of improving social dialogue and quality of life on a daily basis through a service of expertise and capacity development programs.

In collaboration with:

8. AL-FARAH FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT: The organization was established by the number 2583 for the year 2010 from the organizations of persons with disabilities (DPO), where 51% of the disabled have special needs in the organization

9. AL-GALALA ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPMENT; the association was established in 2005, to contribute to the media reform and to promote democracy and various types of political participation through many initiatives and activities through Focusing on developing the media in Egypt to allow the dissemination of a culture of diversity and acceptance of the other and social development in order to contribute to the creation of a society that adopts independent media opinions and practices freely according to the law and the human rights system concerned in the constitution, treaties and international conventions. AL GALALA also aims to protect and support marginalized groups including Persons with disabilities and also solving the issues of violence against women and address those by terms of journalism.

10. ALSALAM ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; was established in 2016 concerned with social, economic and political rights for the society and ensure active participation of citizens to develop their communities. The association works in the areas of community development, environmental protection, women, child rights, family planning, health, industry and agriculture, caring for people with disabilities.

11. CEDAW ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS; is a non-governmental organization established in 2015 that works in the field of empowerment and support of women and aims to obtain women's rights granted to them by the Constitution and the law and the exercise of those rights without any discrimination, The activities of the Foundation provide legal services for women, the preparation of studies and legal research, Women's rights in particular, by educating women about their rights, provide training and developing women's skills, issuing of qualitative and periodic reports on women. The association works with nearly 5000 women beneficiaries of the services provided.

12. EGYPTIANS WITHOUT BORDERS foundation for Development; (EWB) is an Egyptian Organization established in 2007 aiming at promoting the role of civil society in policy making to achieve a more inclusive, open, peaceful and progressive Egyptian society. In particular concerned

with the Economic and social empowerment for Women and Youth also to create innovative mechanisms to reduce poverty and ensure marginalized groups have access to economic opportunities with adequate social and environmental. (EWB) provided direct opportunities for the political empowerment for more than 150 female activists and economic empowerment to more than 300 young men and women and direct social empowerment to more than 600 young men and women in addition to awareness activities targeting more than 15000 beneficiaries in Aswan Governorate and about 10,000 beneficiaries in other governorates. (EWB)The organization is the national coordinator of the Egyptian Coalition for Education and a member of the Global Campaign for Education for All.

13. EHSEBHA SAH ASSOCIATION FOR INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT; We are working to support the development and dissemination of human rights culture by building the capacity of youth to contribute to the strengthening of civil society and the development of the institutional capacities of existing and emerging organizations to be able to improve the conditions of citizens. The Association is concerned with the health of citizens. It carried out a medical surveys, awareness campaigns and treatment of Virus C for more than forty thousand citizens in the marginalized and poorer villages of Egypt in five different governorates.

14. ELHADAF ASSOCIATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS; established in 2010, to provide legal assistance and protection for women, work on issues related to the legal protection of prisoners, the advancement of marginalized women and the development of women's political participation through helping them to know their rights in political participation through training courses for lawyers and field work for women in Egyptian villages and cities. The association seeks to raise principles of equality, justice, freedom, democracy and human rights through adopting the idea of building the capacity of society and raising awareness to meet the challenges of development and achieve sustainable development

15. HERAK ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPMENT; an Egyptian civil society organization established in the year 2015 aiming to spread the culture of teamwork through training and skills development, initiatives and partnerships, organizing dialogues, debates, professional, vocational and administrative support programs and activating national, regional and international human rights instruments. HERAK fields of work are Human rights, social defense, women and children, economic empowerment.

16. HORAS ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING; An Egyptian non-profit organization registered in 2010 in Sohag governorate and its scope of work at the level of the whole Republic of Egypt, it works to improve community development in education, health and economic empowerment also promote the active participation of citizens in the society with emphasis on basic needs and educational guidance for children, youth and women. Horus supports marginalized groups, especially in Upper Egypt and is concerned with human rights and the principles of justice for the development of society and the sustainable development of all individuals in partnership and work

17. JUSTICE ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS; is an Egyptian association established in 2007 with the aim to spread the values of human rights in Upper Egypt in particular and consolidating the rule of law and building democracy within the social system to ensure political and social participation of citizens. Through having dialogue on the cultural problems associated with the issues of the Egyptian society and its developmental problems to create a supportive environment for all, especially the less fortunate, such as minorities and people with disabilities, to participate in the development and public policies and the Empowering of women and supporting their presence in decision-making through capacity-building and ongoing technical support.

18. LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION; A civil society, established in 1967, concerned with the child, women and people with disabilities rights. The association has many partnerships with many ministries and government agencies.

19. MEHNA MOSTAKBAL ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPMENT; Established in 2015 with the aim to empower all groups of society, especially women and youth, for a inclusive and sustainable development and seeks to contribute to the elimination of societal gaps that impact negatively on the growth and development of the society. The Foundation is concerned with the economic and social empowerment of the most needy groups, especially in marginalized areas, especially women and youth, to support and build the skills and abilities of these groups and give them tools that enable them to manage their lives effectively and facilitate access to better life opportunities.

20. QADROUN FOR COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT; Was established in 2016 to promote the social and economic empowerment of individuals and communities through education, career and vocational training, and public health programs to enhance access to health services and promote the participation of women and youth in public life and the provision of basic services for the most needy and the most vulnerable. The most important projects were “Education and All” Project, “Vocational Training and professional Training” Project, “Economic Empowerment for Women” Project, the” Public Health” Project, which aimed to raise citizens' awareness of the principles of public health, “public rights and positive participation” project that focused on enhancing the participation of women and youth in public life through their participation in public decision-making.

21. SHABAB ALKHEIR ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES; Founded in 2006, it works to develop and care for marginalized, poor and disabled people, to promote active engagement of youth and women, and to raise awareness to enable access to rights through the investment of community resources of the governmental and civil institutions and the private sector. SHABAB ALKHEIR areas of Work are Community Development - Health, Education, Cultural and Religious Development, Child Care, Human Rights, Consumer Protection.

22. THE ARAB CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS; is an Egyptian non-governmental association established in 2012 based in Menia governorate. The aim of the association is to achieve Human Rights for marginalized and disabled groups and provide Care for prisoners and their families and to achieve Economic Development and Community Development. Provide citizen awareness to their constitutional and legal rights. The numbers of association beneficiaries are more than 2000 people.

23. THE EGYPTIAN ARAB ASSOCIATION FOR COOPERATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT; A non-profit civil society organization established in 2013. The association works in the field of sustainable development and promotes ideas of joint cooperation. Has already carried out a number of important campaigns and programs such as promoting tourism, more than 10,000 young men and women participated in it over the previous years and campaigns with charitable activities of medical convoys and distribution of food and other for more than 8000 beneficiaries and The association is carrying out a human rights campaign which aim to spread and promote the concepts of human values among the youth. The association enjoys a great number of partnerships both locally and in Arab countries.

24. THE EGYPTIAN YOUTH COUNCIL; The Egyptian council for Development was established in 2016, in Cairo its aim is to support youth in all areas of development, concerned with Women Empowerment, Community Development, Institutional Development, Organization and management, Social Defense, Support disadvantaged families Supporting investment opportunities, Environmental initiatives, Participating in building an effective civil society, Human Rights and reach sustainable development in accordance with international laws and regulations and based on the foundations of human rights and social justice. The Council is specialized in developing strategies for young people, identifying challenges and proposing appropriate solutions through training and developmental programs.

25. THE SOCIAL ASSOCIATION FOR MEDIA PROFESSIONALS; The Social Association for Media Professionals established in 2009 located in Alexandria aims to achieve inclusive society development, focusing on equality, the fight against racism, human rights, illegal immigration and refugees, working with orphans and people with disabilities. The association works to support

development and rights issues by informing the community about these problems and finding community solutions through the use of arts and drama tools (press, radio, television, film, theater). The association has about 1,000 members of young men and women.

26. UPPER EGYPT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION; at Qena (SEDAQ) was founded in Feb 2002. It is a central organization which works all over Egypt; (SEDAQ) is a house expertise that support and empower women and children in Upper Egypt to access and enjoy a better life without discrimination and to change the community culture positively by making non-traditional development in all areas of health, cultural, social and economic development.

27. VOICE OF YOUTH FOR TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT; established in 2016 based in Assiut Governorate aiming to develop society in all fields, train and qualify people for public and community work and job market and also to promote youth participation in community development and to empower women, children, youth and people with disabilities VOICE OF YOUTH Had conducted awareness of the importance of tourism to achieve Economic empowerment also had campaigns to raise awareness in Health issues.

28. WOMEN FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION; The association was established in 2009 in Giza to empower the rural women in the villages of the center of Kerdasa especially the marginalized women and their children in the social, health, educational, economic rights. WOMEN FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION also works in the field of environment protection and preservation and social defense, providing scientific and cultural services, peace building and also it focuses on the labor organizations. The women for development Association had more than 2500 beneficiaries from its target groups benefited from its various activities.

*This **Egypt Coalition for Social and Economical rights** gathering together during a UPR consultation and writing contribution on 23-26th March 2019 in Cairo – Egypt submits written comments on Egypt, for consideration by the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) at its 34th session (13rd November 2019).*