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to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of EGYPT**

**ENSURING WOMEN FULL RECOGNITION, INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATION
IN THE POLITICAL AND CIVIL PROCESS OF EGYPT**

INTRODUCTION

1. MASHREQ FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND POPULATION; ABNAA EL-MAHROUSA FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PARTICIPATION (EL-MAHROUSA); CEDAW ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS; DOING; EGYPTIANS WITHOUT BORDERS foundation for Development; (EWB); HERAK ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPMENT; MEHNA MOSTAKBAL ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPMENT; PARTICIPATORY DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS (PDS); PARTNERSHIP NETWORK INTERNATIONAL (PNI); QADROUN FOR COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT; SHABAB ALKHEIR ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES; THE EGYPTIAN YOUTH COUNCIL; WOMEN FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION:

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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

7. 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

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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

12. 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.

13. 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 .

14. 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.