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### About Maharat:

Maharat Foundation<sup>1</sup> is a women-led Beirut based organization. While Maharat Foundation has grown since its beginning in 2006, it has remained focused and committed to its vision to act as a catalyst, defending and advancing the development of democratic societies governed by the values of freedom of expression, access to information and respect for human rights. Maharat Foundation is committed to its mission to advance the societal and political conditions that enhance freedom of expression and access to information, both online and offline, and engages and equips a progressive community in Lebanon and the MENA region with the skills and knowledge necessary to create change.

Maharat Foundation has built many strategic partnerships with International and regional organizations. Maharat Foundation is member of IFEX and has the ECOSOC consultative status to promote its international advocacy work.

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