



Memorandum of Understanding

Between

The European Union

and

**The Presidential Election Committee
of Egypt**

**Concerning the observation
of the presidential election 2014**

Acronyms in this Memorandum of Understanding :

- 1- MOU: Memorandum of Understanding
- 2- PEC: Presidential Election Committee
- 3- EU: European Union
- 4- EU EOM: European Union Election Observation Mission

The Presidential Election Committee of Egypt and the European Union

Considering

- that the EU has accepted the invitation to observe the presidential election and that an EU EOM is ready for deployment,
- that the PEC is signing with the EU a MOU containing respective rights and obligations in connection with the deployment of an EU EOM for the presidential election,

Hereby agree on the following arrangements for setting up the EU EOM

- 1- The present agreement applies to the upcoming presidential election.
- 2- The EU EOM and its members will maintain strict impartiality, objectivity and independence in the conduct of their mandate. All EU EOM observers will abide by the Code of Conduct for European Observers. The EU EOM will abide by the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation and Code of Conduct for International Election Observers which was commemorated at the United Nations in New York in October 2005. The relevant provisions and the principles of the PEC Decree Number (6) 2014 covering international organizations apply to the EU EOM.

- 3- The PEC will provide the EU EOM with any information and accreditation required for the implementation of the mission's mandate, in accordance with the laws in force in Egypt, PEC Decree number (6) 2014 and the terms of the present agreement.
- 4- In the framework of their observation mandate, the accredited members of the EU EOM will enjoy freedom of movement throughout the country, without the need for prior permission or notification, but in liaison with the relevant authorities responsible for guaranteeing their personal safety.

The EU EOM members will have freedom of access to all political parties, candidates and election officials, as well as representatives from civil society and voters.

- 5- The EU will inform the PEC of the number of observers deemed necessary to guarantee a credible observation of the entire electoral process and the names of all EU observers.
- 6- The EU will receive registration codes to register the members of the EU EOM according to what is stipulated in the PEC Decree number (6) 2014.
- 7- Once they have been accredited by the PEC, some of the EU EOM observers will be deployed well in advance of Election day¹, to allow them to follow the administrative preparation as well as the campaign for the presidential election. Some observers may remain in the country to follow the election process until it is completed, including the announcement of official results and the processing of complaints and appeals.
- 8- All accredited members of the EU EOM will receive in a timely manner the prescribed identification issued by the PEC, proving their accreditation.
- 9- The PEC will give to the EU EOM and its members freedom of access to all bodies and meetings of the electoral administration as well as to all relevant information on the electoral process during the whole period of its presence in Egypt.
- 10- On polling day and thereafter, the PEC will give the EU EOM, its members, including assistants, freedom of access, at any time, to all polling stations and counting/tabulation

¹ Election day here and thereafter refers to the date of the presidential election.

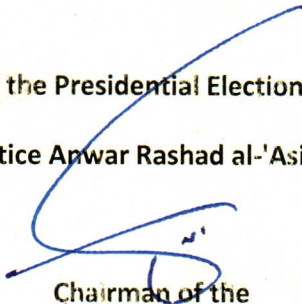
centers, including at national level, in order to observe voting and counting procedures, according to the PEC Decree number (6) 2014.

- 11 - The EU will nominate a Chief Observer and a Deputy Chief Observer who will lead the EU EOM. The Chief Observer, or in case of absence the Deputy Chief Observer, will be the only representative authorized to make public comments and statements on the electoral process on behalf of the EU EOM throughout the whole duration of the mission according to what is stipulated in the PEC Decree number(6) 2014.
- 12- The Chief Observer will present the final report of the Election Observation Mission to the PEC. This will take place between one and three months after the elections. The EU EOM will give to the PEC a copy of the EU EOM Statement of Preliminary Findings and Conclusions, which will be issued after Election day.

This agreement will be signed in four original copies, in Arabic and English, each side receiving a copy of each language.

For the Presidential Election Committee

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For the European Union.

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