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To the signatories of the letter of 27 January

Dear colleagues,

Thank you for sharing with me your call of 27 January for the release of the protesters in Egypt, and for the initiation of an investigation on Shaimaa El-Sabag's death.

I share your assessment on the events in Egypt on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the Egyptian revolution. You will have seen the statement I issued on 25 January calling on all parties to show restraint and recalling that freedom of peaceful demonstration must be safeguarded and dialogue is the only way forward

I also share yours views on the need of accountability and investigations into the death of those killed.

These days, Egypt is facing growing security concerns and a difficult economic situation. These challenges need to be tackled, and we will support Egypt in this, as well as in the ongoing political transition, but we cannot allow to compromise on human rights.

Let me therefore assure you that the European Union will continue to stand by Egypt and its people.

Yours sincerely,



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