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Note Verbale

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The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Addis Ababa and Permanent Mission to the African Union presents its compliments to the African Union Commission (African Commission on Human and People's Rights), and with reference to the 50<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup> Combined Activity Report of the Commission, has the honor to highlight the following:

- The Report contains procedural inaccuracies regarding Egypt, for instance Article (31) of the Report regarding the status of submitting periodical reports to the Commission where Egypt is being referenced as being among seven countries that have two outstanding reports. We would like to point out that Egypt has submitted its last Periodical Report to the Commission in May 2018, the report was then discussed in May 2019 at the 94<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Committee. According to the rules of procedures of the Commission, States submit their periodical reports after two years from the date of discussing their latest report, therefore, Egypt has only one outstanding report.
- With reference to Communication 768/21 regarding "Abdelrahman Albar" and 25 others (represented by the Freedom and Change Party), the Embassy of Egypt would like to reiterate that this complaint constitutes a violation of Article 63 (1) of the Commission's rules of procedure regarding the permissibility of considering complaints since this complaint was submitted by a political party, the Freedom and Justice Party (FJP), which was dissolved by a ruling from the Egyptian Supreme Administrative Court on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2014, therefore there is no legal status for accepting the complaint from a dissolved party. The Egyptian Government had previously communicated this to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights expressing the Egyptian Government's objection to the consideration of this complaint and called for its dismissal.
- With reference of the Commission's appeal letter dated 2 December 2020 regarding the staff of the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR), the Embassy of Egypt has the honor to inform that the concerned judiciary authorities conducted an investigation with the members of EIPR and they were released accordingly.

The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Addis Ababa and Permanent Mission to the African Union has the honor to kindly request the esteemed Commission to include the aforementioned comments in the Report, as well as to provide the Embassy with the final version of the Report.

The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Addis Ababa and Permanent Mission to the African Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the African Union Commission (African Commission on Human and People's Rights) the assurances of its highest consideration.

Addis Ababa, 10 February 2022

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