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### **Egypt: Amnesty International to publish results of human rights survey of political parties on January 24**

#### ***Experts in Cairo and Europe available for interview around 25 January anniversary***

On 24 January Amnesty International will publish details of the responses it received from the major Egyptian political parties to its *Egypt Manifesto for Human Rights Change*.

Ahead of parliamentary elections which began in November, the organization asked political parties in Egypt's elections to sign a "[manifesto for change](#)" containing 10 key human rights reforms, to signal that they were serious about delivering meaningful change. The pledges include lifting the state of emergency, ensuring equal rights between men and women, non-discrimination, abolishing the death penalty and addressing the rights of slum residents.

Amnesty International sought meetings with 15 of the main political parties in November and December. To date, 12 have provided information to Amnesty International on which of the 10 pledges they could commit to.

**When:** The responses of the parties will be released on Tuesday 24 January at 0001hrs GMT.

**Contact:** To obtain an embargoed copy of the press release in advance please contact the Amnesty International Press Office on +44 (0) 20 7413 5566 or email [press@amnesty.org](mailto:press@amnesty.org)

#### **Experts available for interview around 25 January anniversary:**

- Amnesty International Egypt expert **Mohamed Lotfy** is in Cairo, available for interview in Arabic, English or French, on 23, 24 and 25 January. Mohamed was Egypt from January to May 2011 as part of the fact-finding team that produced [Egypt Rises](#), the organization's major report into rights violations in the 25 January uprising.
- **Said Haddadi**, Amnesty International's Egypt researcher is available for interview from France by phone or skype in Arabic, English or French. Said has led Amnesty International's work to document abuses by the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces, detailed in the organization's November report [Broken Promises: Egypt's Military Rulers Erode Human Rights](#).
- **Hassiba Hadj-Sahraoui**, Amnesty International's Middle East and North Africa Deputy Director, is available from London for interview in French or English. Hassiba has led Amnesty International's strategy on Egypt and the rest of North Africa since 2005. During the last year she has met high-level representatives of several Egyptian political parties as well as the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces.

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