Media Declaration on MB Position and Political Approach



In light of what has recently raised regarding its position and political approach, the Muslim Brotherhood (MB) would like to reiterate the following:

• First: Egypt is undoubtedly in need for change. The MB is quite certain that this change will inevitably happen, no matter how hard efforts are made to prevent or obstruct it, given that the stability factors in the current situation are extremely fragile.

• Second: The national responsibility on everyone requires a swift resolution of Egypt's crises. The Brotherhood believes this can only be achieved through a comprehensive national dialogue to determine the safe path for this change: a dialogue between political forces and intellectual elites, between those in power and those in the opposition, and between the state's national institutions and all the diverse and pluralistic forces of society. Therefore, this proposed dialogue is not an initiative of any party, rather we viewit as the only way to overcome the country's crisis.

The Muslim Brotherhood has repeatedly emphasized its readiness for engaging in a dialogue, not aimed at reaching a narrow bilateral deal with any party, but rather to usher in a new phase of general national consensus that would end the suffering of detainees, open the political arena to all those who care about the country's interests, and unify all national efforts for confrontation of the threats that plague the country. The MB has also been, and continues to be, clear in emphasizing its position of avoiding a power struggle and prioritizing consolidation of national consensus and social cohesion.

But the regime's behavior has always been clear: it has adhered to a brutal security¬based approach against all opposition forces without exception and has continued to pursue the same economic and social policies without any indication of intention to listen to voices warning of the disastrous consequences of these policies. It has even

ignored most of the recommendations of the so-called "National Dialogue", limiting itself to mere show-offs without any real intention of change.

• Third: The Muslim Brotherhood is not, and will never be, at odds with the state institutions. Everyone's duty is to safeguard all state institutions, which belong to the people, a national achievement for successive Egyptian generations, and a symbol of their nation-state, built and defended by Egyptians for over two centuries. The regime's continued attempts to antagonize state institutions against all political and social forces opposing it will not succeed. Therefore, any talk that contradicts this crucial principle is nothing but idle talk that deserves no attention.

• Fourth: The change that the Muslim Brotherhood believes Egypt and the Egyptians are waiting for, and which we are working to achieve, is embodied in the following determinants:

1. Establishment of justice, freedom and social justice for the benefit of all citizens of the country without discrimination or exclusion.

2. Protecting national independence, which requires national unity, establishing a political system with genuine popular legitimacy, possessing advanced defense capabilities, achieving food and water security, and balancing external alliances based on cooperation, integration, and equality.

3. Review government spending priorities, prioritizing spending on education, health, rural development, and marginalized areas and neighborhoods.

4. Lifting regulatory restrictions on the private sector, supporting small businesses, and directing national priority to investment in developing advanced industrial and technological infrastructure as a necessary foundation for renaissance and development.

5. Supporting the true and complete independence of all forms of civil organization, including professional and labor unions, student unions, and various civil society organizations.

6. Lifting security restrictions on political parties and all political activity.

7. Support freedom of the press and media and freedom of expression on social media.

• Fifth: Official Muslim Brotherhood positions are only expressed by official MB statements and publicly known spokespersons. Beyond that, the private opinions of individuals represent their own judgments and cannot be restricted, especially in the case of a large institution like the Muslim Brotherhood. However, this does not give them the right to speak on behalf of the Brotherhood against the truth.

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