

**Dear Mrs. Helen Clark, UNDP Administrator**

**Mrs. Amat Al Alim Alsoswa, Assistant Administrator of UNDP and  
Director of its Regional Bureau for Arab States**

**Mrs. Michelle Bachelet, UN Women Executive Director**

**Yousef Habibi, Former President of Indonesia**

**Ministers, Parliamentarians, and Experts of Africa, Latin USA and  
Arab countries,**

**Usually words of thanks and appreciation came by the end of speeches but I would like to start my speech by expressing the deep appreciation to UNDP in Egypt, and my deep appreciation to prepare and invite such forum. I would like also to express my appreciation towards those who came to attend such event to participate by their experiences and review their experiments in the democratic change process.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**By your attendance you participate in the important and critical step in Egypt's life that will draw future of the coming generation, as 25<sup>th</sup> January Revolution gathered women, men and children of this nation, and came to achieve our aim. The revolution briefed each citizen aspiration in three targets "Freedom, democracy and social justice"**

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These principles and demands requested by revolutionaries formed the practical agenda of the government's work, and we are working to translate these demands to practical and continuous work plans. When the revolution succeeded to change the political system in 18 days only, aspirations were increased something that we appreciate and understand. We know that all Egyptians wait to see quick and intensive steps, but we also know that changes we call for are comprehensive one extends to deep roots. We do not seek formality changes but we seek to reform institutions where corruption prevailed.

What we witness today in Egypt is start of the democratic change process including challenges. We enter this phase after long history of freedom suppression. This change is the main guarantee to achieve our aspirations. I am sure that the "sound governance" covering terms of law sovereignty, transparency, corruption combat, and societal harmony was misused and the citizen saw only corruption and marginalization. Now we are working to adopt new means of sound governance to manage Egypt affairs.

I do not claim that we will start from scratch, as there are studies and reports prepared on corruption existence volume which were covered. By corruption here, I mean not individuals but institutions.

Regarding the civil society and the dependent syndicates in supervision and participation, there are activities adopted by the international authorities such as UNDP through several projects supporting NGOs. It is time for NGOs to play main role in managing the country's affairs, and being a connection between the government institutions and people. We are sure that the sound

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**governance principles in Egypt we will not be just slogans but working tools and fact.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**We are sure that achieving social justice is directly connected to the success of institutional system in Egypt to guarantee efficiency and respond to demands of people.**

**The current period after the collapse of the old regime puts us before many and major challenges.**

**The spread of bullying and sectarian strife from one side, and the fictional demands from another side within the collapse of the internal security system, all these put us-people and government-before major challenges related to the provision of daily needs. As you all know, these events have directly affected the Egyptian economy and the production and tourism constancy.**

**I wish to we would benefit from this conference and from the excellent experiences in achieving the democratic change. Despite of special conditions for each country concerning the democratic change, but I am sure there are common issues and lesson can be learned. Your various experiences will enrich our vision and our dealing with various open and complicated files. We are keen on recognizing the international experiences in the coming fields;**

**\* Means to rebuild the security system in a transparent way, while protecting people's rights.**

**\* Means to deal with unemployment, and create jobs and training.**

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\* Means to develop the state institutions to guarantee the enforcement of sound governance mechanisms without more bureaucracy.

\* Means to rebuild trust between people and the state.

\* Means to activate the civil society and dependent syndicate role in supervision and accountability.

\* Means to merge mechanisms of the administrative and institutional corruption combat in the public policies.

\* Means to activate the new role of the private sector to achieve growth.

\* Means to deepen ways and mechanism of consulting to issue new laws and legislations.

I asked my college from the government to join this forum, as being a golden chance to recognize the world's experiences in the democratic change. I hope that this forum will be a start for continuous consulting between the Egyptian government and UN organizations.

By the end, I would like to thank all those who took the initiative and prepared the forum.

Peace be upon you.

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