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**STATEMENT FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS ON THE
DETENTION OF JOURNALISTS IN EGYPT**

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We, the undersigned correspondents and editors of international news organizations covering Egypt, hereby call for the immediate release of our colleagues Peter Greste, Mohamed Fadel Fahmy and Baher Mohamed, who have been arbitrarily imprisoned since December 29. We are deeply concerned to learn that our colleagues, all three of whom are well respected journalists, may face charges that include belonging to a terrorist organization and spreading false news that could endanger national security.

We also call for the release of other journalists who have been detained in Egypt, some of whom have been arbitrarily imprisoned for over five months.

The arrest of these journalists has cast a cloud over press and media freedom in Egypt. We strongly believe that upholding the rights of journalists and permitting the free flow of information is vital to bringing about greater understanding and serves the best interests of all Egyptians and the world.

Signed,

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