



In Solidarity with Mr. Magdi Abdulhamid

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Egypt: A Travel Ban Issued Against Mr. Magdi Abdulhamid

Euromed Feminist Initiative expresses full solidarity with Mr. Magdi Abdulhamid, president of the Egyptian Association for Community Participation Enhancement (EACPE) after he was prevented from travelling by the airport authorities at Cairo International Airport.

On October 2, 2017, the authorities of Cairo International airport prevented Mr. Magdi Abdulhamid from boarding a flight to Jordan to participate in the Euro-Mediterranean partnership and development forum, in which he supposed to deliver his speech on behalf of the Arab civil society during the opening session of the conference, pursuant to a travel ban issued by an investigating magistrate in Egypt.

It is worth mentioning that the reasons for the travel ban against Mr. Abdulhamid is not known so far, and he was not officially charged, investigated or sentenced. In addition, he wasn't informed of the travel ban prior to his trip.

Euromed Feminist Initiative strongly condemns the increasing use of travel bans against defenders and human rights activists in Egypt, which clearly aim to silence their voices and restrict their legitimate human rights activities.

Euromed Feminist Initiative calls on the Egyptian authorities to respect the fundamental rights of the civil society organizations to freedom of speech, assembly and movement. Whereas the human rights defenders in Egypt have been facing pressure and attacks from the authorities: banning activists from travelling and depriving their organizations of resources. Euromed Feminist Initiative addressed this issue in the fourth priority area of the gender regional platform policy recommendations for improving the status of gender equality, that have been developed during a one-year process in the frame of the project "Gender Regional Platform" funded by the European Union.

Euromed Feminist Initiative urges the Egyptian authorities to immediately lift the travel ban against Mr. Magdi Abdulhamid, and put an end to all acts of harassment against him as well as against all other human rights defenders in the country.

Euromed Feminist Initiative IFE-EFI advocates for gender equality and women's universal human rights as inseparable from democracy building and citizenship, for political solutions to all conflicts, and for the right of peoples to self-determination.

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