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Excellency,

The Carter Center wishes to officially inform you of its decision not to organize a mission for Egypt's anticipated Parliamentary Elections. The Center officially closed its office on August 31, 2014, but a few consultants will remain through September 2014 to ensure logistical closeout.

We are grateful to the Egyptian authorities for their important decision to open the door to The Carter Center and others for international election observation in 2011. We are also grateful for the support we received from your office and successive election commissions for accrediting the Center for five of Egypt's electoral events. Finally, we are grateful to the people of Egypt for their warm reception over the past three years.

At this time, The Center is redirecting its resources to observe electoral events in other countries around the world. While the Carter Center will not be present in Egypt for the next round of elections, we believe it is critically important that the government of Egypt and the High Election Commission take steps to ensure that Egyptian citizen observer organizations and interested international organizations are accredited and are able to carry out their work consistent with basic conditions necessary for implementing credible observation missions, as outlined in the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation and the Declaration of Global Principles for Nonpartisan Election Observation and Monitoring by Citizen Organizations. This includes timely provision of accreditation and clear legal authority to operate and sufficient access to ensure meaningful observation at all stages of the electoral process.

Again, we thank you for your kind cooperation over the years.

Sincerely,

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