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Dear Counsellor,

On 15 January 2019, **Hoda Abdelmoniem** appeared before the prosecution for investigation, and her pre-trial detention was extended for 15 days. Hoda told her daughter that she does not know where she is being detained. The security forces took her blindfolded to an unknown location after the investigation.

On 21 November 2018, after being forcibly disappeared, she was seen at the Public Prosecution. On 22 November her family was able to meet her and reported that she was wearing the same clothes, was afraid and shaking and could not talk about what happened to her. She was then taken to the state security. Her family met her again on 24 and 28 November, and since 2 December 2018 they were unable to locate her until 14 January when they were informed that she will appear before the prosecution.

Hoda's daughter who saw her on 15 January reported that she was very thin due to the insufficient and poor quality of food.

We therefore urge you to reveal Hoda Abdelmoniem's fate and whereabouts and to release her from arbitrary detention. We also call on you to ensure that Hoda Abdelmoniem has adequate and regular access to qualified health professionals and to prescribed medication, in compliance with international standards and medical ethics, including the principles of confidentiality.

Yours sincerely,

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