

**Statement Attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General  
On the situation in Egypt**

The Secretary-General has been closely monitoring developments today in Egypt.

The Secretary-General reiterates his call for a transparent, orderly and peaceful transition that meets the legitimate aspirations of the Egyptian people and includes free, fair and credible elections.

He emphasizes that it is for the Egyptian people to determine their future. The Secretary-General calls again for any transition to fully respect human rights, and to ensure genuine and inclusive dialogue with all stakeholders. The United Nations stands ready to assist in the process.

At this time, the Secretary-General calls once again on the Egyptian leadership to continue to ensure freedom of speech and assembly, and urges all parties to exercise calm and restraint and to refrain from violence.

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