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Subject: Persistent human rights violations in Egypt

Egypt is far from being a democratic state. The elections of March 2018 demonstrated that there is no space left for any political opposition of note or critical reporting by the media. What’s more, according to EuroMed Rights, there is a growing clamour to amend the Egyptian Constitution, which could extend the power of the President indefinitely, laying bare the real intentions of an authoritarian state. One recent example of just such behaviour was the enforced disappearance of human rights lawyer Ezzat Ghoneim, who has been missing since September 2018.

In view of the consequences of the current situation in Egypt for stability and security in the long term, how is the Commission planning to address the existing challenges in all areas of cooperation between Egypt and the EU?