

Meeting Mashreq Delegation - Brussels, 13 July 2011

Questions to raise with the Egyptian political party activists

Elections

- How strong is actually the pressure for delaying elections?
- What is your assessment of the electoral framework in Egypt? How present is this issue in public debate?
- Is Egypt politically and logistically prepared to hold elections under the foreseen calendar?
- Will there be effective mechanisms to contest election results if needed?

Political parties

- For the European Parliament this week's seminar for you is meant to show our support for the emergence of a vibrant political landscape in Egypt. Can you give us an idea on which other countries and organisations are currently involved with promoting political parties or civil society in Egypt?
- If the EU was to give financial support to nascent political parties, what criteria should be applied? Would you consider the number of activists as fair criteria?
- How should Egypt's future political system look like? A more presidential or a more parliamentary system?
- Do you have any contacts with parties in other Arab countries under transition? If not, are you planning any exchange of experience?

Foreign affairs

- What is your position on the future relations of Egypt with Israel, in particular with regard to the Peace Agreement?