

(Statement from the visit of the Egyptian delegation to the European Parliament)

Declaration of Principles

**(One hand builds and one hand guards the revolution)**

In this historic moment which Egypt is living, it was God's will that we traveled to represent our nation, bring issues on behalf of its people and defend their aspirations in the European parliament in Brussels, one of the most important international forums, beholding expectations for this rising nation.

We went and represented our homeland, removing its concerns and blending its aspirations with hopes and dreams. We returned determined to build a single national project, which would achieve for our nation the freedom that it desires and which it sacrificed its blood for.

Based on the principles and premises which we expressed with all our strength and a statement of the events in the course of our 5 day visit:

1. Full confidence that the glorious revolution will change the face of the entire world and will put forward a pioneering model of values of civilization, which are missing in the entire world.
2. Our belonging to the Arab and Islamic nations is like a heart belonging to a body, where both are in need of one another.
3. Our sincere wish to open up the world and building a balanced relationship based on partnership and mutual respect and constructive parity and taking into account the common interests and non-interference in the affairs of others and for the East and West to invest in this historic opportunity and correct its sins – its support of the previous regime – the first correction is to acknowledge the error and take measures to return our people's money which is stained with blood.
4. Our constant struggle for independent decision making for our nation, and refusal to accept any interference in our affairs, whatever the justification and rationale.
5. Our solid belief that humane democracy is the way to build our renaissance, with all respect to the results whatever they may be, and our defense of them as a vindication of the will of our nation.
6. Categorical rejection of the policy “more for more, little for little” announced by the West to support democracy – with the full assurance in our ability to manufacture our own experience benefitting from the experience of our ancestors, keeping in mind our specific culture and core values.
7. Our belief that the scars which afflicted our nation, is purely the legacy of tyrannical politics and a vile system, which followed the policy of divide and rule and offended the sons of the nation, its men and women, Muslims and Christians, its geography and its history.

8. Our belief that the primary strength is the power of unity and diversity and in building foundations and rules and that the first principle is freedom and that the first rule is to build humanity.
9. We rely on the maturity of the great people, who are the friends of this civilization, which has roamed through the depths of history. They sparked the revolution and guard it, and are the pioneers of the future they are making.
10. Our permanent motto is “one hand builds and one hand guards the revolution”, so the speedy build up and serious work is indispensable for this revolution, as the spirit and revolutionary vision are indispensable to our beloved Egypt in reaching its peak.

Based on these 10 principles we have mandated ourselves and we summon all to work on:

1. The rejection of disunity and conflict, and to unite our national concerns and our biggest issues, roll up our sleeves and work to protect our revolution and build our desired civilization.
2. Consider these principles as a national common ground from which we will build Egypt together and not go beyond whatever is justified.
3. Start adopting practical measures on the ground to give effect to these principles and move from a state of words to a state of action.

May Allah protect our revolution and reward our step.

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