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### *One Nile... One Family*

*One Nile, One Family is the slogan that we agreed upon at Nile Basin Discourse (NBD). We hope this slogan will actually be realized on the ground and that it may be reflected in the minds and hearts of every citizen living on this unique river. When we say one Nile and one family, these are not just words, but proof of the faith and conviction that this body brings us many more advantages than discord and that our history and our geography accommodate the cultural, social, economic and political diversity of our country in the Nile Basin.*

*If we have been preoccupied for long periods by our own domestic concerns and problems, the time has come to communicate honestly respecting that everyone is worthy and that everyone can achieve his interests through mutual cooperation. The time has come to remove the dust that has surrounded our relations and to remind ourselves of that which brought us close in previous historical periods. The time has come to offer to our children, the Nile people, an eternal message of one Nile, a united Nile, and to correct many of the wrong mental images and information which have been scattered around.*

*What is needed is a strong will as powerful as the Nile itself descending from the highlands then forcefully pouring through the mountains and valleys, defying all odds. Let us make the effort to build bridges of trust and eliminate causes of the dispute examining what science tells us about the wealth of the Nile; essentially, there are enough resources for everyone in the Nile basin.*

*Our eyes are on the present and on the future.*

*But what is the future we want if our present conflicts continue?*

*Don't we realize that there are regions all over the world and that these regions have united and cooperated with each other to achieve their common interests?*

*Don't we learn the lessons of history where we have seen time and time again our black continent lagging behind in progress under the weight of differences, intolerance and conflict? The Egypt NDF confirms its partnership with your own efforts to build a strong Nile basin and to capitalize on its resources achieving an equitable distribution of wealth and the integrated management of natural resources, security and peace for all.*

*The NBD seeks strength from the bounty of the Nile building on that the cooperation between us which will not remain just a hope or a wish but lived reality toward a better future awaiting our children.*

*Let's kick the dispute.*

*We move forward to the prospect of an all-embracing agreement*

*Let us remember the wisdom of grandparents who said "Help yourself ... Nile helps you".*