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Election program
Parliamentary elections
Freedom. Justice. Development. Entrepreneurship
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In the name of God the Merciful
Praise be to God, prayer and peace be upon the Messenger of Allah, on his family and companions

This program

Based on our legitimate commissioning, national responsibility, the constitutional duty and moral and legal obligation, we announce our participation in the 2010 parliamentary elections so as to continue our journey in parliamentary participation since Hassan al-Banna- Muslim Brotherhood founder may Allah have mercy on him - started this participation in 1942 and then resumed it in 1984 and until 2010. According to our ongoing policy toward reform and peaceful struggle and constitutional and legal change we pledge to fulfill our duty towards our nation in these very difficult conditions experienced by the country and its citizens guided by Almighty Allah saying: "I only intend reform as much as I am able. And my success is not but through Allah. Upon him I have relied, and to Him I return" (Hud:88).

One of the important things that drives us to do this duty is the system has failed in running the affairs of the country. Successive governments have failed to secure the most basic services, particularly health, education and residential services to citizens. The system also has failed to secure a cup of clean water and a loaf of bread to the citizens who suffer to get it. In clearer words, unsuccessful policies have led to a real crisis experienced by Egypt and its ordinary Egyptian citizen. It is a crisis threatening our present and our future, which requires every free Egyptian to bear the responsibility of saving Egypt to rise from bottom and start a better future for their children.

Based on all the previously mentioned, the Muslim Brotherhood presents a group of male candidates from the sons of Egypt with various specialties and multiple abilities. Candidates represent all segments of the people; university professors, professionals, workers, peasants and others. We present a number of female candidates as well who represent the Egyptian women in all segments and sects based on our belief that women are the sisters of men and they are capable -thanks to God- of effective participation to serve their country and their religion side by side with men. "The believing men and believing women are allies of one another. They enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and establish prayer and give

zakat and obey Allah and His Messenger. Those - Allah will have mercy upon them. Indeed, Allah is Exalted in Might and Wise” (Tawbah: 71).

We are trying very hard to be the honest voice of our Egypt and our people taking on his concerns, demands and aspirations to parliament through the role of the parliamentary legislative and regulatory framework. We will work on the following:

- Launch freedoms and achieve general political reform and strengthen the role of institutions
- Achieve social justice, guarantee people their dignified rights and provide a decent life for citizens regardless of their class and affiliation
- Pave the way for the real integrated development to develop our beloved Egypt at the economic, human and physical levels
- Restore lost leadership of Egypt under the current system at the Arab, African, Islamic and international levels scientifically and culturally and with regard to media.

Carrying our comprehensive logo (Islam is the solution). This logo is consistent with the Constitution, the law and judicial rulings. This logo represents the identity, the history and culture of the nation. It promotes the rights of citizenship and justice among all the sons of the nation without discrimination on the basis of belief, color or sex. This program is based on four principles derived from our strong Islamic Shariah.

Freedom Justice Leadership Development

With freedoms and political reform, justice can be served, and with justice, there will be real development

From here, Egypt proceeds to decent leadership that fits its history

We extend this election program to our people, and we are confident that:

Together we can save Egypt

Together we can get rid of restrictions and liberate its will

Together we can safeguard its dignity and correct its positions

Together we can restore its role and achieve leadership

Because we believe that the free man is the one who can build a free homeland

We are confident that the selection of the free results in- with God willing- correcting all these conditions

Through a quick look at the situation in Egypt now compared to the decent standing of Egypt and its prestige in the past, we all seek to achieve in the future through this program and the ongoing work to complement the efforts made by the achievements of the Muslim Brotherhood members and the faithful during the previous session. Efforts required and the work to be done are required to get to Egypt back its role and realize the hopes and dreams of the great Egyptian people

The situation in Egypt now

The deterioration reached by the situation in Egypt is crystal clear to everyone. The word corruption has become more common and a widely used word among people; opponents, officials, writers and thinkers. The talk about the future of governance in Egypt looks, as Egypt is a recently established state or one without a known civilized history not available in many countries of the world. The situation in Egypt is going from bad to worse until it reached the narrowest point where people suffer from rising price, unemployment, poverty and disease, as well as the status of political tyranny, stifling freedoms and rigging elections. The hope of the young people became to flee from Egypt even if by throwing themselves in the sea or unknown!

This is the bitter harvest of the successive governments of this system. As a result of, Egypt reached a state of collapse that affected all areas at all levels: political, economic, social, cultural, scientific, etc.. It is enough to know that about 2,000 businessmen account for 24% of national income, which is equivalent to almost 200 billion Egyptian pounds. More than 20% of the Egyptian people, according to most optimistic statistics, live under extreme poverty line. The number of unemployed is more than nine million mostly young people with some of the senior staff earns more than two million pounds per month. More than ten million Egyptians are infected with hepatitis C and 10% of Egypt's population suffers from diabetes. 29%

of children in Egypt are infected with anemia. The number of patients with renal failure and cancer rise annually by 100 thousand cases. Further, the estimated number of illiterate people rises to 26% of the Egyptians. Drug addiction among young people reaches 16%. There is no Egyptian university in the classification of the top 500 universities in the world. Egypt is ranked 129 out of 134 countries in the quality of pre-university education. The public debt has exceeded one trillion pounds and reached the proportion of workload in the budget in 2010/2011 to 63% of the total revenues of the State

This, as well as addiction of the Egyptian regime to usurp power by forging the will of the nation in all elections in addition to his shameful record in daily violations of human rights human life and the dignity of Egyptians through physical and verbal abuse and torture in police stations and the headquarters of the State Security as well as the prison and political arrests of tens of thousands of Egypt's national enthusiastic youth willing to serve his country in prisons for decades without fair trials. Egypt suffers from a humiliating retreat of its international status and role regionally and internationally to the extent that it started supplying the Zionist occupiers of Palestine, Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa Mosque rapists with gas and oil with the cheapest prices while Egyptians are in desperate need of them. We became as if we practically obstructing antagonizing the Palestinian resistance in addition to the administration's failure in South Sudan file and the Convention on the Nile Basin countries. Our national security is threatened even in our Arab and African depth. Can we remain silent on all these crimes committed against the country and its citizens?!

No room for despair

We undoubtedly have faith that change and reform are possible when there is a strong good will. "Indeed, Allah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves. And when Allah intends for a people ill, there is no repelling it. And there is not for them besides Him any patron" (Ar-Ra'd: 11).

For this, we have taken the peaceful constitutional struggle via political participation to pave the way for progress and gain the confidence of the nation and take on the nation's concerns through participation in the parliamentary elections, whether in alliance with national political forces or independents fulfilling out legitimate and national duty.

We are convinced that we must stay the reformist those in charge of our project to save the nation." So why were there not among the generations before you those of enduring discrimination forbidding corruption on earth - except a few of those We saved from among them? But those who wronged pursued what luxury they were given therein, and they were criminals" (Hud: 116)

The reality in Egypt will not lead us to despair or frustration because a Muslim does not know that. "Indeed, no one despairs of relief from Allah except the disbelieving

people." (Yusuf: 87) "He said, "And who despairs of the mercy of his Lord except for those astray?" (Al-Hijir: 56)

The most important achievements of the members of the Muslim Brotherhood's parliamentary bloc in the legislative term 2005/2010

During the past five years, Muslim Brotherhood members proposed more than 23 thousand means of control including the request of information, urgent statement, questioning session and general discussion. They also filed more than 140 questioning that dealt with all aspects of life in Egypt. It is a huge effort documented in statistical reports of the Board

It was one of the most important priorities of our members and still are so far:

First: the defense of freedom, security and dignity of the Egyptian citizen. Addressing the regime's practices against the law and the Constitution. The meetings of the Council witnessed -especially its committees and human rights committees- strong defense of and national security.

Some of the most important results of this accumulated and continuous effort, which was built on an earlier effort to Muslim Brotherhood members since 1984 are as follows:

- Amend certain provisions of the Penal Code to ensure that the exercise of freedom of opinion and expression and to create a welcoming climate for freedom of the press and other means of publication.
- Amendments of remand Act which made the temporarily in custody have the right to appeal against the sentence within 24 hours before the courts, in the past temporarily in custody can only appeal after 6 months spent under the oppression of the pre-trial detention and security practices through the formal prosecution decisions.
- Bloc members struggled so much to end the state of emergency. They ran strong discussions within the Council, till they resorted to press conferences and to sit-ins and protests to express their views. As a result, a presidential decree was issued for the first time since the 30-year that limits the application of the state of emergency on the crimes of terrorism and drugs. This is an achievement of legislative oversight; we should go on fighting this corrupt regime to cancel the emergency law entirely, which led Egypt throughout these years backwardness and dependency.

Second: chasing corruption, monopoly and protection of Egypt's fortunes that are stolen publicly at the hands of the owners of power privilege, and influence and some of the results were:

Facing privatization, which wasted the wealth of Egypt after the bloc's members, had fierce battles in order to prevent the sale of Pharmaceuticals Co., National Cement and others. They also defended the rights of workers and employees who were expelled and displaced in the streets as a result of obnoxious policies of privatization.

Addressing the issue of wasting Egypt's Lands whose prices exceeded thousand billion pounds, the most famous scandal of "madiniti" whose price is no less than tens of billions and not a single penny of them entered the state treasury to date. Other scandals include the Egyptian Kuwaiti land of A'yat that offers now paying 30 billion Egyptian pounds for reconciliation as well as Amoun Island, desert Lands on the highway, the Gulf of Suez and Eastern Owaynat. The corrupt became in trouble in front of the community, which led to the issuance of presidential decree asking the government to stop the sale of land and limit its uses to public benefit. We will not stop, with God willing, until we return the looted hundreds of billions to Egyptians and even bring the perpetrators to justice.

Dealing with – through the powers of bloc- the crime wasting Egypt fortunes of oil and gas and selling them at the cheapest prices to the Zionist enemy. As a result, amendments of oil and gas agreements were introduced and resulted in benefiting the equivalent of \$ 18 billion adding them to the state treasury.

Third: The activation of our discussions of the general budget and final accounts that were professional, thorough and well thought out:

The Brotherhood's parliamentary bloc has revealed many irregularities. It was the most serious of these offenses: that more than one thousand and two hundred billion pounds -1200 billion pounds- wasted in private funds outside the control of CAA by the corrupt. They also made more than 18 proposals to address the imbalance in the general budget, including giving greater resources, internally fairer distribution and greater opportunities for this country in terms of economic and social welfare.

Fourth: adoption of most important values and principles of Islamic sharia law in the legislative side, the most important principles of social justice, freedoms and care for the oppressed classes and the poor and marginalized and the prohibition of usury and the organization of Zakat, taking into account the morals and ethics

The performance of the bloc's was characterized by proposing legislative initiatives and a large number of project proposals laws covering all areas affecting the interests of citizens and the needs of the community. We were able to block the introduction of important and substantial amendments on most bills passed by the Parliament.

Although there is legislation we couldn't change, for example, the constitutional amendments because of the majority in support of the regime. There are complete laws our members played a great role in their change: a cadre of teachers, and the Consumer Protection Law and the Law on the Protection of intellectual property and the Housing Act. We have made substantial amendments to the Law on property taxes and social insurance, social security and child law and the law of legal fees and laws preventing monopolistic practices and also succeeded in preventing bar union code.

Fifth: the members of the parliamentary bloc of the Muslim Brotherhood gave all the attention to issues of national security and the issues of the nation, such as: the Palestinian cause, the issue of South Sudan, Darfur, the headwaters of the Nile the problems of Iraq, and Somalia and Afghanistan, believing that Egypt's national security will only be achieved through its role in the Arab and Islamic region in response to Zionism and U.S. schemes.

Finally, we will continue to participate in the adoption of laws and policies that aim at achieving goals of the nation. Still, thanks to Almighty God, we have a lot that we can offer to our nation and a lot of tasks that we can accomplish under the dome of the parliament as stipulated by the Constitution and embodied in the slogan "Islam is the solution" : based on the words of God: "And when you have decided, then rely upon Allah . Indeed, Allah loves those who rely [upon Him]. If Allah should aid you, no one can overcome you; but if He should forsake you, who is there that can aid you after Him? And upon Allah let the believers rely." (Al-Imran: 159,160). "And Allah is predominant over His affair, but most of the people do not know." (Yusuf: 21)

Chapter One: freedoms and political reform

The launch of freedoms and political reform are the main entrance to the policy of a healthy democracy where political parties and forces have free, honest and fair competition to win the votes of the people, which is the source of power. This is a real pluralism and this ensures the people's freedom holding the executive accountable leading to a real peaceful transfer of power. This achieves comprehensive stability that provides a healthy environment for the establishment of an integrated development and the provision of social justice

This requires action including amendment of some articles of the constitution and some laws on judiciary and political rights law, the law of the local administration, the Trade Unions Act and other laws. The goal of these efforts is to ensure that the Egyptian citizen enjoy all their political and social guaranteed by the Constitution without prejudice because this is the only way to encourage citizens to employ their energies and abilities to achieve progress and development in country and defend it.

Omar Al-Khattab's words are still unforgettable and good for all ages: "When did you enslave people and they were born free "

Our program is based on political reform including:

First: the launch of freedoms and protecting human rights

Second: The amendments of the Constitution and laws

Third: judicial reform

Fourth: The reform of the electoral system

Fifth: taking care of the rights of citizenship and the maintenance of national unity

Sixth: reform of civil society

Seventh: local administration reform