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NDI DEEPLY CONCERNED BY PROSECUTION DEVELOPMENTS IN EGYPT

WASHINGTON - Through judicial sources, media reports and its lawyer, NDI understands that the case against NGOs in the government's foreign funding investigation has been referred to the Cairo Criminal Court for prosecution. The charges reportedly will be filed against: 19 Americans, five Serbs, two Germans, three Arabs and 14 Egyptians. We do not know specifically which individuals or organizations have been named.

NDI conducts all of its nonpartisan activities in Egypt in an open and transparent manner, and has cooperated fully with this probe. NDI applied for registration through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2005 and has fulfilled all of the registration requirements for the past six years, including a number of updates provided in January. We are deeply concerned about this development.