## Press Release: ECCD Strongly Condemns Court Decision to Uphold Death Sentences

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(Ottawa, June 17, 2015) The Egyptian Canadian Coalition for Democracy (ECCD) rejects and strongly condemns the decision of an Egyptian court on June 16th 2015, to uphold the death sentence imposed on President Mohamed Morsi and dozens of his supporters.

The death sentences Of May 16th 2015 handed down to President Morsi and more than one hundred other defendants, were slammed by human rights organizations as the latest blatant violation of the international principles of due process and the rule of law by the regime of General Abdel Fattah El-Sissi who came to power after a military coup July 3rd 2013.

While political leaders around the globe strongly condemned the mass death sentences, the Canadian government has so far chosen to remain silent and continued to lend moral and financial support to the Egyptian regime.

We call upon Mr. Harper and Mr. Nicholson to uphold our Canadian values of democracy and denounce the attempt of General El-Sissi and his accomplices to extinguish the flame of January 25th peaceful revolution by killing the first President Egyptians had chosen in the only democratic election in Egypt's recent history.

We stand with the people of Egypt in their struggle to free themselves and their land from the tyrannical rule of the blood thirsty General El-Sissi and his military and police apparatus. Irrespective of any reservations on his performance during his term in office, we salute President Morsi and his co-accused for their courageous principled positions and commitment to January 25th ideals: bread, freedom, and social justice. The revolution continues....

**About ECCD**: Egyptian Canadian Coalition for Democracy (ECCD) is a politically independent, non-affiliated pan Canadian organization with chapters in Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Quebec City, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Regina, Calgary, Vancouver, and Kingston, which advocates for democracy and human rights in Egypt.

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