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The nongovernmental International Steering Committee of the Community of Democracies (ISC/CD), a group of 27 civil society activists from around the globe, denounces the charges leveled against Emad Shahin, a highly respected Egyptian scholar and a colleague of the ISC/CD secretariat, the Council for a Community of Democracies, in its work on democracy education and other initiatives. The Egyptian government has charged Dr. Shahin with espionage, leading an illegal organization, providing a banned organization with information and financial support, calling for the suspension of the constitution, preventing state institutions and authorities from performing their functions, harming national unity and social harmony, and causing to change the government by force.

Dr. Shahin is known to us as a person of greatest integrity and a supporter of democracy for his country and the Arab world in general. The ISC/CD condemns the persecution of one of Egypt's greatest scholars and hopes that these charges will be dropped. It calls on Egyptian civil society also to condemn the charges against Dr. Shahin.

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