President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi  
Office of the President  
Al Ittihadia Palace  
Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt

Dear President:

I write with great concern for the case of Amal Fathy, a human rights defender currently being detained on multiple charges in two separate cases.

Amal Fathy faces charges of disseminating a video to publicly incite overthrowing the government. In fact, the video detailed her experience as a victim of sexual harassment and criticized the government for failing to protect women, a legitimate expression of free speech. In another case, she faces charges of belonging to a banned group, the 6 April Youth Movement, a youth activist group. In this case, the prosecutor did not provide any evidence, instead relying on the National Security Agency’s report, which her lawyers were not allowed to examine.

I respectfully request that you immediately and unconditionally release Amal Fathy as she is a prisoner of conscience, detained solely for peacefully expressing her opinions. Furthermore, I ask that you recognize the legitimacy of the work of human rights defenders in Egypt and their right to carry out their activities without any restrictions or fear of reprisals as set out in the 1998 UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders.

Yours sincerely,