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Open Letter to the Egyptian Students, Street Demonstrators, and Civil Society,

Dear All,

The Students' Union of the School of Oriental & African Studies at the University of London (SOAS) is expressing its support to the efforts currently pursued by the Egyptian Civil Society movements & coalitions against the recently proposed constitutional amendments by President Mubarak. Those amendments that were described by Amnesty International as the "greatest erosion of human rights in 26 years" represent a daring attack on the Egyptian people's hope for democracy and justice.

The current regime's attempt to present itself as a reformist is a poorly managed fraud at a time when one of the proposed amendments restricts the Egyptian Judges capability to monitor elections (they remain the only credible control over the elections) and the other halts the personal freedoms clauses within the constitution in the case a citizen is "suspected" of engaging in activities that are described subjectively by the government as harmful to the national security. The second amendment specifically opens the door to further strengthening of the police state and further oppression of Egyptian people.

We, the Student Union of SOAS fully stand shoulder to shoulder with our fellow Egyptian activists who have demonstrated or will demonstrate in Cairo streets against the oppression of the regime and in quest of freedom.

We want to assert as well that the true image of the Egyptian cause is very clear in SOAS and we will make sure we voice the concerns of the Egyptian people among the international civil society.

Yours,

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