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Preliminary Arrangements for Interfering in the Upcoming Syndicate Elections

As the final touches to carrying out the 2006/2011 syndicate elections are prepared in the halls of the Labor Union and the Ministry of Manpower, CTUWS obtained a general communiqué from the Labor Union signed by Secretary General Mohammed Mursi and sent to every general syndicate. The second paragraph of the communiqué said "do not release any applications to any member of the General Syndicate or their affiliated syndicate committees under any name but personally return it to the Labor Union president." This communiqué clearly shows an intentional plan for wide interference in the upcoming syndicate elections. It begins with a violation of a nomination right in which the Labor Union president has the sole right to grant permission to who he wants, or does not want, as a member in the syndicate organization.

The document for proof of membership in a syndicate organization is part of the necessary documents for candidates' acceptance in the Bureaus of Manpower. Therefore this communiqué was given without the right and without any legal basis for the president of the Union to violate the right of candidacy for any member of the general assembly or for syndicate committees or any other syndicate level.

CTUWS condemns this flagrant intrusion by the Labor Union president and sees this communiqué exposes the hidden intention of the Labor Union to interfere in syndicate elections by marginalizing worker syndicate activists not part of the union. CTUWS also sees this communiqué will open the door to settle political scores in the syndicates.

CTUWS appeals to all civil society organizations defending democracy to condemn this communiqué and to pressure the Labor Union to stop this before the nominations for the upcoming syndicate elections.

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