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att. Nadia El-Awadi, President

LETTER OF SOLIDARITY

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It is just five months until the World Conference of Science Journalists (WCSJ) takes place in Cairo, Egypt. Currently science journalists from around the world are looking at Egypt, which has become a focal point in the protests which roam the Arab world. Among the protesters is the President of the World Federation of Science Journalists (WFSJ) and Co-Director of WCSJ, Nadia El-Awadi, who sent her tweets from the Tahrir place providing vivid impressions of the demonstrations.

The European Union of Science Journalists' Associations (EUSJA) and its Board send its warmest greetings of solidarity to the brave people of the organising committee of the World Congress residing in Egypt, as well as to our colleagues of the Arab Science Journalists Association. We are hopeful that continuing with the organisation of the World Congress will not suffer from the turmoil. This is the time of our Arab colleagues, and we are looking forward to congratulating them personally when we meet in Cairo and celebrating a new democratic Egypt providing freedom, freedom of press, and freedom of speech.

But we should not forget that the fire of protests against authoritarian systems burns also in Tunisia, Saudi Arabia and Yemen, where media coverage is less pronounced, and where also science journalists experience an arduous time. EUSJA's solidarity is also with them.

The European science journalists hope that the hesitancy shown by their national governments and the European Union to declare their full solidarity with the new movements in Egypt and beyond can soon be resolved.

With warmest regards

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