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President Abdelfattah al-Sisi  
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**Hanin Hossam and Mawada el-Adham**

Your Excellency,

Social media influencers 23-year-old Hanin Hossam and 21-year-old Mawada el-Adham are serving unjust lengthy prison sentences, following their conviction by Cairo's Criminal Court in June 2021 of inciting young women to broadcast "indecent" content on social media to earn money, commercial exploitation, human trafficking and other offences. Amnesty International believes that they are being punished for the way they dance, talk, dress and attempt to "influence" the public online, amid the authorities' crackdown on women's freedom of expression and attempts to policewomen's conduct online. The organisation reviewed the videos that led to their convictions, as well as their verdicts, and found no credible evidence linking the two women to acts that would amount to trafficking in persons, as defined by the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, or other internationally recognizable criminal offences.

I urge you to quash Hanin Hossam and Mawada el-Adham's convictions and sentences and release them immediately as they are being punished for their conduct online in the name of "morality" and "decency"; protect their rights to privacy, freedom of expression, non-discrimination and bodily autonomy; and put an end to the wider crackdown on women social media influencers in Egypt.

Yours sincerely,