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**Your Holiness Pope Tawadros II**

**Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the See of St. Mark of the Coptic Orthodox Church**

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus,

In light of the repeated atrocities targeting the Christians from the Coptic Church in Egypt — the most recent of which was last week's armed assault on three vehicles transporting Copts in Al Menyeh District in Egypt's countryside, resulting in the death of 28 persons and the injury of 24 — in my name, and in the name of the heads of the Middle East Council of Churches and the members of its executive committee, we send this letter to express our deepest condolences to your Holiness and the Coptic community. We hereby offer the Council's support to the members of the Coptic Church in Egypt.

We strongly condemn this outrageous terrorist act that coincides with the commencement of the Holy Month of Ramadan, and we call on the authorities to rapidly investigate and unveil the circumstances so that justice may be restored. We will not stay silent while innocent civilians and children are killed. The Middle East Council of Churches hereby declares its full support to your Holiness and its cooperation with every step your Holiness shall make.

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