

Egypt experienced profound change and daunting political and economic challenges in 2011, in a year that started with the 25 January democratic uprising toppling the authoritarian regime and culminating in parliamentary elections organised "*in a generally free and transparent manner*" ; however, the transition period has seen thousands of arbitrary arrests and continued reports of torture and degrading treatment in detention, while ongoing uncertainty meant little progress was made towards reform outlined in the EU-Egypt Action Plan (AP). These are some of the conclusions of the report on progress made on implementation of the EU-Egypt ENP Action Plan between 1 January and 31 December 2011, released by the European Commission last May. The report includes recommendations on how Egypt can step up the implementation of the AP.

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