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Dear counsellor,

I wish to express my concern about Ibrahim Ezz el-Din amid rising fears over the spread of COVID-19 in Egypt's overcrowded prisons. Ezz el-Din suffers from chronic allergies that cause respiratory difficulties. This condition puts him at particular risk to the coronavirus. Ezz el-Din should not be in detention in the first place as his detention relates solely to his human rights work. In addition, on 20 February 2020, Ibrahim's lawyer submitted a request for Ibrahim, who had attempted suicide, to receive adequate psychiatric help from experts outside the prison with costs covered by his family. The authorities denied the request. On 26 February, Ibrahim attempted suicide again.

Considering the above, I urge you to release Ibrahim Ezz El-Din immediately and unconditionally. As his health problems put him at increased risk from COVID-19, I call on you to ensure that, pending his release, he has access to adequate health care, including psychiatric services if needed.

Thank you for your time. I am kindly awaiting your reply.

Yours sincerely,