

## **Meeting of Ambassador Moushira Khattab with Students of the Higher Institute of Economics and Political Science in 6th of October City**

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As part of the **National Council for Human Rights**'s role in promoting human rights culture and raising awareness among various segments of society, **Ambassador Moushira Khattab**, President of the National Council for Human Rights, hosted a delegation of students from the **Higher Institute of Economics and Political Science** in 6th of October City on **April 29, 2025**, at the Council's headquarters.

The Ambassador opened the meeting with a welcoming speech in which she expressed her happiness to meet with the future generation of researchers and those interested in public affairs. She emphasized the importance of engaging with students to deepen their understanding of human rights concepts and enhance their awareness of the role played by national institutions in this field.

### **The meeting covered several key topics:**

During the meeting, **Ambassador Moushira Khattab** reviewed the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**, touching on its essential rights, such as human dignity, non-discrimination, and the right to life, education, and work. The discussion also covered various related international treaties and agreements, emphasizing the interconnection between these documents and the realities of different societies.

To encourage dialogue and participation, the Ambassador posed a series of interactive questions to the students, including: "What do you know about the **National Council for Human Rights**?" and "How familiar are you with the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**?" This sparked a fruitful discussion in which students shared their perspectives and ideas about human rights and the role of the state in safeguarding them.

### **The Palestinian Issue and the Humanitarian Aspect:**

**Ambassador Moushira Khattab** addressed the situation in Palestine, highlighting the violations suffered by the Palestinian people and Israel's exploitation of the conflict with **Hamas** as a pretext for expanding aggression. She emphasized that human rights cannot be fragmented or restricted under the guise of war or security, and that the defense of these rights must be comprehensive and just.

### **Role of The National Council for Human Rights:**

**Ambassador Moushira Khattab** reviewed the nature of the **National Council for Human Rights**, emphasizing that it is an independent body composed of members selected based on criteria of competence and diversity. She also discussed the principles that govern the Council's

work, foremost among them the **Paris Principles**, which form the reference framework for national human rights institutions worldwide.

She stressed that respect for human rights is the true guarantor of societal stability and security, noting that the Egyptian state, under the leadership of President **Abdel Fattah El-Sisi**, attaches great importance to supporting the human rights agenda and is steadily moving towards solidifying these principles.

### **Efforts of the National Council for Human Rights in Promoting Human Rights Culture:**

**Ambassador Moushira Khattab** explained that a number of protocols have been signed with both public and private universities to include human rights courses in the academic curricula, contributing to building genuine human rights awareness among young people. She added that the **National Council for Human Rights** continuously organizes capacity-building programs and workshops targeting various segments of society.

She also pointed out that the Council has held meetings and seminars within Egyptian universities, engaging over **9,000 students** in direct dialogues with the Council to deepen their understanding of various human rights issues. This reflects the Council's commitment to being open to young people, listening to their views, and supporting their aspirations.

### **Open Dialogue with Students:**

The meeting saw significant interaction from the students, who asked several questions and inquiries to **Ambassador Moushira Khattab**, who answered them with transparency and clarity. She emphasized that the doors of the Council are always open to youth interested in human rights issues and that the Council welcomes any student initiatives that contribute to strengthening the culture of human rights.

### **Conclusion of the Meeting:**

The meeting concluded with the Ambassador reaffirming the continued communication with students from the **Higher Institute of Economics and Political Science**, and preparations for future meetings to deepen dialogue and strengthen partnerships with educational institutions in building more aware generations regarding their rights and responsibilities.

She concluded her remarks by emphasizing that building an Egyptian citizen capable of safeguarding his dignity and the dignity of his community begins with awareness. The **National Council for Human Rights** will remain an active partner in this national mission.

