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The Honorable Hillary R. Clinton
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Clinton:

In my letters of January 3 and February 9, I shared with you the deep concerns our Conference of Bishops for ongoing and escalating attacks against Christians in the Middle East and other parts of the world.

Last week's violent clashes between Christians and Muslims in Egypt point once again to the urgent situation. There is a continuing and growing need for our government to more effectively address religious tolerance, religious freedom, and protection of minorities.

On behalf of our Conference, I urge the U.S. government to work with the government and civil society of Egypt to promote tolerance and protection of human rights, especially of Christians and other vulnerable minorities.

Sincerely yours,

Most Reverend Howard J. Hubbard

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