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Prison sentence for Patrick George
Activation of the implementation of the anti-terrorism law
On civil society activists in Egypt

The Justice Support Foundation (JSF) expresses its deep dissatisfaction and concern over the horrific impact of the ruling issued today, July 18, 2023, by the Mansoura Emergency State Security Misdemeanor Court, against Patrick George, a researcher at the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights, who sentenced him to three years in prison.

And **JSF** indicates that the ruling issued today against **Patrick George** is the direct and worst effect of the implementation of the unconstitutional and harsher law called (Anti-Terrorism) Law No. 94 of 2015, which is one of the most infamous laws that were issued in the past ten years, whose activation and application caused to Tens of thousands of citizens have been imprisoned because of its broad and unfair criminal texts, which did not take into account in its drafting the necessary requirements of punitive legislative texts, which the Egyptian Constitutional Court had previously referred to in many of its rulings.

In this context, **the Justice Support Foundation** calls on the military ruler, in his capacity, not to ratify the ruling because it violates the provisions of the constitution and the international covenants and treaties that Egypt has ratified, especially the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

JSF also calls for a review of all Egyptian punitive laws that impair the right of citizens to express their opinions and ideas without harassment, in accordance with international standards concerned with human rights.