

## Invitation

As part of our “Making Our Streets Safer for Everyone” campaign against sexual harassment, ECWR published a study on sexual harassment entitled *Clouds in Egypt's Sky*. The results of the study found high rates of sexual harassment, with 98% of foreign women who were surveyed stating they had been sexually harassed while in Egypt. The study also found that some foreign women had expectations of being harassed in Egypt before they arrived. The majority of the study's sample of foreign women, 66.1%, confirmed that their experiences with sexual harassment had a negative impact on their vision of Egyptian society, but that it would not prevent them from visiting Egypt again. Seven percent also thought that they would not return to Egypt again, and 4.6% said they would advise their friends not to visit Egypt because of their experiences. These results presage negative impacts on tourism and foreign investment in Egypt.

ECWR is pleased to invite you to attend a seminar entitled “Sexual Harassment and its Impacts on the Egyptian Economy.” The seminar will be held on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am in the Pyramiza Hotel, Louvre Hall. MP Mohsen Rady and a representative from the Ministry of Tourism will participate in the seminar.

The following topics will be discussed:

- The impact of sexual harassment on tourism and higher education for female study abroad students
- Existing mechanisms within the Ministry of Tourism for countering this phenomenon
- The role of Parliament in creating a law to criminalize sexual harassment
- The role of civil society in the struggle against sexual harassment

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