The EU is a strong supporter of the National Council for Women, and we fund their valuable work. That said, in making her comments at the Council's recent press conference it appears that the NCW Chairperson was somewhat misinformed about the EU Electoral Observer Mission preliminary report, which should be read in its entirety. The EOM, which is an independent body, has in fact made a thoroughly professional assessment of the vote, as explained by the Chief Observer in his press conference last Thursday, which was reported widely in the local and international media.

This matter was discussed at the EU Ambassadors' working breakfast with Foreign Minister Nabil Fahmy on Tuesday.