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European Union supports the Modernization of the Administration of Justice (SMAJ) in Egypt

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The European Union (EU) has organized the first workshop within the framework of the **Support to the Modernization of the Administration of Justice (SMAJ)** project funded by the EU. The project aims at supporting the Egyptian Ministry of Justice and institutional bodies in charge of dispensing justice in reforming and modernizing their own internal processes, with a view to reduce case backlog and increasing the quality of justice rendered to the public. The EU has allocated nine million Euros for this project.

Over the course of two days, the SMAJ EU-funded project gathered 98 judges of the Egyptian Court of Cassation (CoC) to address the issue of the unification of its jurisprudences and law interpretation in the first workshop organised with the CoC. Further project activities will include new workshops, based on peer-to-peer exchange of knowledge and know-how are planned in the coming months.

His Excellency Ambassador James Moran, Head of the European Union Delegation and Judge Ahmed Gamal El din, President of the Egyptian Court of Cassation inaugurated the workshop. Three members of the French Court of Cassation discussed practical cases of unification of jurisprudences and how to solve difficulties in law interpretation. The French experts explained the system they work with and providing solutions and best practices to tackle practical challenges faced by the Egyptian court to the attendees.

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