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ABBREVIATIONS

APPS	Applications
BBS	Bulletin Board System
BGP	Border Gateway Protocol
CSOs	Civil Society Organisations
DARPA	Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
DM	Direct messaging
ETUF	Egyptian Trade Union Federation
EU	European Union
EUN	Egyptian Universities Network
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ICTs	Information and Communication Technologies
IDSC	Cabinet Information and Decision Support Centre
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ISP	Internet Service Providers
LCHR	Land Center for Human Rights
MB	Muslim Brotherhood
MCIT	Ministry of Communication and Information Technology
MENA	Middle East and North Africa
MOSA	Ministry of Social Affairs

NAC	National Association for Change
NDP	National Democratic Party
NGOs	Non- Governmental Organisations
PCs	Personal Computers
PDA s	Personal Digital Assistants
SIMCA	Social Identity Model of Collective Action
SMS	Short Message Service
SOPA	Stop Online Piracy Act
SCAF	Supreme Council of the Armed Forces
UNICEF	United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund
WB	World Bank

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