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Arab Spring: Voices of Women Recap

New York, New York, February 27, 2012 - United Federation for Middle East Peace (“USFMEP”) hosted an event entitled “Arab Spring: Voices of Women” as part of the CSW 56th Session on the Status of Women.

The event hosted by USFMEP was an overwhelming success. The two distinguished guest speakers chosen for the event were Dr. Nariman Abdel Kader, Legal Counselor at the Supreme Court and President of the Egyptian Women Foundation for Law and Peace Culture, and Fatema Al-Kooheji. The event began with a captivating introduction by the President of USFMEP, Mrs. Sally Kader, a celebrated advocate for peace who has worked tirelessly for many years to achieve peace and the realization of human rights in the Middle East and around the world. Thereafter, the guest speakers delivered enlightening and innovative speeches concerning the role of Arab women in the “New Arab Spring,” which will see the emergence of new political structures and transitioning democracies as a result of the people’s revolution that has taken the Arab world by storm. Both speakers also discussed recent developments in women’s rights in the Arab world, which were prompted by the powerful voices of women in the Arab Spring standing up to defend their human rights.

This ground-breaking event gave attendees a rare opportunity to witness a stimulating discussion about the human rights revolution in the Arab Spring from the perspective of educated, articulate and successful women. The talk provided an exhilarating and informative forum encouraging women from all over the world to engage in dialogue about the future of the Middle East.

With Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council and the Department of Public Information, USFMEP advances the United Nations mission in its commitment to women’s rights. As an organization dedicated to building stronger relations between the United States and the Middle East, USFMEP was pleased to create an opportunity to discuss the involvement of women in the revolution that has changed the political and social face of the Middle East.

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