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**Young Egyptian Political Leaders Kick off U.S. Political Exchange in the District  
Rising Stars to Study U.S. Political System, Discuss International Issues**

WASHINGTON – On Saturday, October 27, 2007, the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) will welcome a delegation of nine young, prominent Egyptian political leaders to Washington, D.C. as they kick off an eleven day political exchange program funded by the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, Egypt, which will also take them to Wheeling, West Virginia and Hartford, Connecticut. This delegation is the ninth to visit the United States since ACYPL began exchanging delegations with Egypt in 1977.

**Who:** Prominent, emerging Egyptian political leaders between the ages of twenty five and forty, including:

- **Mr. Salah Atteya** (National Democratic Party) - Member, Badrasheen Local Council
- **Mr. Yasser Gebreel** (National Democratic Party) - Coordinator, Policies Committee, NDP
- **Mr. Ahmed Abdel Hady Elgohary** (National Democratic Party) - Acting Director, Research and Studies Department, Office of the Minister of State for Environmental Affairs; Member, Political Participation Committee, National Council for Youth
- **Mr. Alaa Mostafa Huseein Ghorab** (Al Wafd Party) - Deputy Chairman, Youth Committee, Al Wafd Party
- **Ms. El Chimmaa Abdel Hamid** (National Democratic Party) - Member, Youth Secretariat, NDP; Reporter, Le Progres Egyptien
- **Mr. Yasser Abdelaziz Hassan** (Al Wafd Party) - Secretary General, Media Committee, Al Wafd Party
- **Mr. Mohamed Hassan** (National Democratic Party) - Secretary of Youth, Dar El Salam District, NDP
- **Ms. Heba Said Ismail** (National Democratic Party) - Member, Youth Committee, NDP; Member, Future Generation Foundation
- **Mr. Reda Fouad Salama** (Al Wafd Party) - Head, Youth Committee, Giza Governorate, Al Wafd Party
- **Mr. Remon Edward Shohdy** (Tagamoa Party) - Head, Civil Society Committee, Qena Governorate, Tagamoa Party

**What:** Program highlights will include meetings and discussions with members and staff of the U.S. Congress as well as officials from the White House, the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, the Egyptian Embassy, the Republican National Committee and the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs.

**When:** October 27-31, 2007

**Why:** The purpose of this exchange program is to:

- Expose the delegates to the American political system at the national, state and local levels;
- Give them a new perspective on American culture; and
- Allow them to engage in dialogue on international issues and forge professional relationships with their American counterparts.

***About The American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL)***

Recognized by the U.S. Congress as a pre-eminent catalyst for introducing rising political leaders and policy makers to international affairs and to each other, the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) is a bi-partisan, not-for-profit international exchange organization based in Washington, DC. Since its founding in 1966, ACYPL has

conducted programs and exchanges with more than 90 nations, producing a global network of several thousand alumni. Former ACYPL participants include 38 sitting members of the U.S. Congress, 6 sitting U.S. governors and ambassadors, cabinet ministers and parliamentarians around the globe. For more information on ACYPL, please visit <http://www.acypl.org>.

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