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Dear Sir or Madam:

I strongly support the work of Arab West Report (AWR), a weekly electronic digest produced in Egypt and published by the Arab West Foundation (registered in The Netherlands as Stichting Arab West Understanding).

This not-for-profit organization was established following years of delay in obtaining status as a non-governmental organization in Egypt. This continuing delay also led to the establishment of the Center for Intercultural Dialogue and Translation (CIDT) in 2005. CIDT provides all of the translation and editing services related to AWR and other activities of the Arab West Foundation.

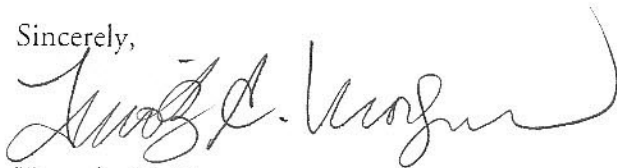
I am very familiar with the mission of the Arab West Report and its gifted and deeply committed Editor-in-Chief, Cornelis (Kees) Hulsman. In my editorial role at Christianity Today magazine, I have used the Arab West report significantly. Its commitment to editorial quality, accuracy, and truthfulness is extremely high. In addition, with a searchable archive of more than 17,000 texts and articles covering the last 10 years, AWR has proven particularly useful in developing story angles, background, and sources for articles in Christianity Today.

I have visited the AWR and CIDT offices in Cairo twice, in 2005 and more recently in January 2008. Both times, I have found a group of committed professionals, eager to facilitate understanding between Arabs and Westerners. This organization is living its commitments and vision. It employs both Muslims and Christians and provides a vibrant, multi-cultural context in which individuals may gain direct experience through working alongside people from a different faith and culture.

These kinds of engagements cannot be valued in dollars. But this relational model is essential for us to move on to the next level in Muslim-Christian interaction based on respect, tolerance and understanding—not fear. We have much to learn from the Arab West Foundation and in particular the leaders and staff at AWR / CIDT. I am enthusiastic about the future of their work, gladly support its mission, and urge others to do so as well. It is crucial to the future of Muslim-Christian relations worldwide.

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