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The Board of Directors

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Dear Directors:

First of all, let me express our sincere gratitude for your Editor-in-Chief, Drs Cornelis Hulsman, for his excellent work in organizing our historical visit, the first official Christian delegation from China to Egypt, from 26th March till 4th April 2004. Drs Hulsman has arranged a well-balanced program and expertly guided us through the complexity of the Egyptian socio-religious milieu. During our visit, we have noted that both the Muslims and Christians in Egypt are longing for a peaceful future in the Middle East and are trying to build a peaceful co-existence as a viable social model for other regions to follow. Through out this trip, we feel that the Egypt which we have experienced are far from what we have read in media—often shaped by Western bias perspectives that reported on particular incidents out of its proper context. In fact, we also face similar problem of the Western media as they report on China often accusing China's lack of human right by selecting individual cases and generalized them out of their socio-political reality. Drs Hulsman's vast knowledge of Egypt and his balance view on issues enables us to have a comprehensive perspective on the current religious dynamics of Egypt—ability to appreciate what have been achieved in spite of the seemingly insurmountable challenges facing the society.

We feel that your Center is extremely valuable to enable us to have an objective and balance view on Egypt—a vital link between Arab and non-Arab world contributing to peace building in our generation.

Yours Truly,

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