



**Athens, 5 November 2018**

## **STATEMENT**

The Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy (I.A.O.) expresses its dismay and deep sorrow about the atrocious attack against Egyptian Christian citizens.

Once more, in a very short time period, the world of peace, understanding, and religious reconciliation, has suffered a bloody attack and is mourning innocent citizens.

**We express** our sincere condolences to the peoples, the Ancient and Oriental Orthodox Church of Egypt and the Government and our support in their efforts to combat terrorism and,

**We call** the international community to contribute towards the protection of Christians in the wider Middle East region.