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- A policy brief, Accountability in U.S. Arms Transfers, analyzes accountability mechanisms in U.S. arms transfers and their enforcement, as concerns rise over human rights abuses in countries that import American weapons.

- An issue brief on Executions and the Death Penalty details Egypt’s increasing issuance of death penalty sentences and rate of executions despite reports of torture, due process violations, and international outcry, and this trend’s potential impact on the right to life and the public’s trust in the justice system.

- A law brief on Egypt’s Bankruptcy Law describes the context and implications of the law, which was passed to relax restrictions on businesses and persons facing bankruptcy and alleviate an important hurdle to enterprise creation.