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- A law brief on the **Draft NGO Law**, which furthers significant restrictions on the registration, activities, oversight, and monitoring of domestic and foreign NGOs operating in Egypt.
- An issue brief on **LGBTQ human rights** in Egypt, which highlights the mechanisms through which authorities carry out and uphold the discrimination and maltreatment of LGBTQ persons and perpetuate taboos and marginalization of LGBTQ issues.
- A law brief on Egypt’s **Church Construction Law**, ratified almost three years ago, and the ways in which it has furthered discrimination against Christians by subjecting their houses of worship to a separate and unequal legal system.