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President El Sisi Meets the President of China

Today, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi met with President of China Xi Jinping, and held a session of talks attended by the two countries' delegations.

President Xi Jinping commenced the meeting by welcoming President El Sisi on his fourth visit to China, and noted that it underscores the two countries' commitment to enhancing the strategic partnership relations that bind them. The Chinese President lauded the positive and tangible outcomes of Egypt's efforts to push forward the development process and restore stability. He emphasized China's position in support of these efforts as well as its commitment to further advancing relations with Egypt across various fields. President Xi Jinping confirmed China's support for Egypt's significant role in the regional and international arenas and stated that Egypt is one of the most important Arab, African and Islamic countries. The President of China pointed out the two countries' alignment in positions with regard to issues of mutual interest, particularly those pertaining to global economic governance and ways to enhance international economic development.

President El Sisi thanked President Xi Jinping for inviting him to attend the BRICS summit meetings which reflected the profound friendship bonds and the strategic partnership between Egypt and China. President El Sisi highlighted measures adopted by Egypt to develop the infrastructure so as to contribute to the implementation of the Belt and Road initiative, which was put forward by the Chinese President, to enhance global trade.

The meeting addressed a range of bilateral issues. President Xi Jinping lauded the positive developments in the two countries' relations across all levels. He reiterated his keenness on strengthening cooperation as well as the partnership between Egypt and China so that they move forward hand in hand toward realizing a comprehensive renaissance. The Chinese President thanked Egypt for its response to the Belt and Road initiative and asserted his commitment to encouraging Chinese companies to boost the size and scope of their businesses in Egypt. This is, in addition to continuing to enhance the outstanding and close relations between the two countries within a framework of respect for national priorities and non-interference in internal affairs.

President El Sisi lauded the Chinese companies operating in Egypt as well as their contribution to the development process, particularly in the power and transport sectors. President El Sisi called for continuing to work to transfer Chinese technology to Egypt and to benefit from the outstanding Chinese expertise in a range of fields.

The meeting addressed a range of joint projects between Egypt and China and the progress achieved in their implementation. It also tackled ways to increase trade and encourage more Egyptian exports into the Chinese market. This is, in addition to spurring Chinese investment in Egypt, given the promising opportunities it offers, particularly in the Suez Canal Area Development project and new cities now being constructed.

The talks also touched on a number of regional and international issues of mutual concern. Egypt and China agreed on the need to continue consultations and coordination within international organizations and fora, in addition to enhancing cooperation in combating terrorism.

At the conclusion of their meeting, President El Sisi and President Xi Jinping witnessed the signing ceremony of a security cooperation agreement between Egypt's ministry of interior and China's ministry of public security; an agreement for technical and economic cooperation with regard to a

Chinese grant of 300 million yuan for the establishment of Egypt's satellite "Egypt Sat 2"; and a Memorandum of Understanding between the Egyptian ministry of investment and international cooperation and the Chinese ministry of trade for the implementation of the electric train project that will link Al Salam city in the 10th of Ramadan and Belbes.

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