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President El Sisi Meets the German Minister for Economic Development and Cooperation

Today, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi met with German Minister for Economic Development and Cooperation, Dr. Gerhard Mueller. The meeting was also attended by Minister of Investment and International Cooperation Sahar Nasr.

President El Sisi commended the robust and steadfast cooperation relations with Germany, and underscored the commitment to further advance them across various areas, particularly at the developmental and economic levels. He welcomed convening the meetings of the joint committee for development cooperation between the two countries today. The President said he looks forward to the meetings' contribution to reaching tangible steps to bolster cooperation in various fields.

Dr. Mueller congratulated the President on Egypt's qualification to the World Cup 2018. The German minister reiterated his country's interest to further its partnership with Egypt, given its pivotal role and regional position as well as ancient civilization and history. He confirmed the commitment to strengthen cooperation in various areas so as to enhance Egypt's benefit from the developmental programs offered by Germany and the European Union.

The meeting addressed a range of cooperation areas, particularly ways to step up cooperation in education as well as technical and vocational training. President El Sisi stressed Egypt's keenness on benefiting from the German expertise which is well-known for its competence in this field. Dr. Mueller confirmed the importance of linking the educational process with investment and development plans. He voiced his keenness on furthering cooperation with Egypt and on enhancing the exchange of expertise in the field of education and in qualifying the trained labor so as to meet the needs of the labor market and contribute to the creation of jobs. The talks also touched on the German G20 presidency's initiative for Africa. President El Sisi commended the initiative and underscored the importance of concerted efforts to achieve the desired objectives. The German minister said he looks forward to enhancing cooperation with Egypt within the framework of this initiative.

The meeting also reviewed a number of cooperation projects between the two countries. Dr. Mueller stated that he visited power generation plants currently being implemented in collaboration with Germany's Siemens AG and expressed his pleasure and pride in the huge accomplishment which was achieved in unprecedented record time in the world.