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President El Sisi Meets OIC Secretary General

Today, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi met with Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Dr. Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Othaimeen.

Mr. Al-Othaimeen expressed his deep appreciation for Egypt's efforts to reinforce solidarity among Islamic countries and to support the OIC's role in this regard. He said he looks forward to the continuation of Egypt's active role, in light of its significance and given Egypt's regional and international leverage. The OIC Secretary General commended Egypt's support for the youth and interest to enhance dialogue with them through convening youth conferences, in which the President participates. He also lauded Egypt's efforts to empower women and offer them leading posts, pointing out that Egypt is hosting the headquarters of the OIC's Women's Development Organization.

The meeting addressed a number of dossiers pertaining to the Islamic nation, primarily the Palestinian issue. Mr. Al-Othaimeen commended Egypt's recent position on Jerusalem and its commitment to its historic responsibilities through its efforts at the United Nations. He also lauded Egypt's efforts to complete the Palestinian reconciliation process, underscoring the importance of this step to unite the Palestinians. The meeting also reviewed the latest developments in a number of crisis-hit countries in the region. The OIC Secretary General expressed his appreciation for Egypt's efforts aiming to reach political solutions to crises in the Middle East and for its commitment to reinforcing security and stability in the region in light of the growing tension and challenges.

President El Sisi underscored Egypt's commitment to supporting the OIC and to strengthening its role in the face of the current challenges facing the Islamic world. He also confirmed Egypt's position in support of the efforts and activities of the General Secretariat of the organization to assume its responsibilities to serve the causes of the Islamic nation and to defend the interests of OIC member states. President El Sisi stressed Egypt's determination to continue extensive consultations and coordination with the General Secretariat on topics relevant to the OIC's activities.

President El Sisi reiterated the importance of efforts exerted by Islamic countries to preserve the resources and interests of the Islamic nation. He confirmed the need to act effectively to defuse current crises and counter threats facing the Islamic countries, primarily the growing threat of terrorism, which seeks to cause the downfall of states and disintegrate their institutions. Mr. Al-Othaimeen affirmed the OIC's full support for Egypt's efforts to combat terrorism and

extremist thought. He commended Egypt's establishment of the Supreme Council for Combating Terrorism, which aims to mobilize institutional and societal efforts to address the root-causes of terrorism. The talks also touched on ways to strengthen Arab-African-Islamic cooperation so as to contribute to protecting their common interests and further advance development efforts in these countries to fulfil the aspirations of their peoples for prosperity and progress.