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President El Sisi Meets Mr. Volker Kauder

President Abdel Fattah El Sisi met on Tuesday with the parliamentary bloc leader of the ruling coalition in Germany's Bundestag Volker Kauder.

President El Sisi lauded the constant development in bilateral relations and affirmed Egypt's keenness on making the best use of the momentum that relations have gained to enhance partnership as well as to increase consultation and cooperation on issues of mutual interest. The President noted that the government continues to implement the comprehensive economic reform program, which seeks to address structural imbalances in the economy and realize sustainable development.

Mr. Kauder lauded the significant development in bilateral relations and affirmed that Germany is keen on further enhancing them, especially at the economic level to support Egypt's development endeavors. He lauded the measures that Egypt has taken to reinforce stability and promote development. He stressed Egypt's key role in the Middle East as a cornerstone for security and stability in the region, in addition to its efforts to confront terrorism and extremism.

The meeting touched on the latest developments in the region as well as ways to enhance international efforts to politically resolve ongoing crises and to confront terrorism and illegal immigration. The President affirmed that Egypt continues to fight terrorism at the military, security, political and intellectual levels. He noted that to truly confront terrorism the international community is required to adopt a decisive position on funding terrorism and its political support. He affirmed that drying up the sources of terrorism is of no less importance than military and security confrontation.

The President stressed the importance of enhancing cooperation and consultation between Egypt and Germany so as to face common challenges resulting from ongoing crises, such as the flow of refugees and illegal immigrants. He noted the need to apply a comprehensive strategy that addresses the causes of this phenomenon that includes reaching political solutions to the region's crises and increasing economic and social development efforts.

The meeting discussed ways to enhance cooperation between Egypt and Germany across various fields, especially in the field of education and vocational training. This is in addition to discussing ways to strengthen partnership between Germany and Africa through the initiative launched by Germany's chairmanship of the G20. The President affirmed the importance of finding new and sustainable funding mechanisms to realize tangible development in Africa. Mr. Kauder looked forward to trilateral cooperation with Egypt in Africa to realize all parties' interests.

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