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### **President El Sisi Speaks with French President Macron**

Today, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi received a phone call from French President Emmanuel Macron, who expressed his commitment to continue to promote the distinct Egyptian-French relations across various levels. The French President emphasized his keenness on endorsing the partnership and ongoing, close cooperation between Egypt and France in all areas so as to serve the interests of the two countries and their peoples. President Macron stressed the need to continue intensive coordination and consultations between Egypt and France on a range of regional and international issues of mutual interest.

President El Sisi commended the robust and outstanding Egyptian-French relations. He underscored the importance of continuing to further advance the existing cooperation between the two countries at various levels. The President asserted that the ongoing crises in the Middle East require enhancing international efforts so as to reach political solutions that shall end the humanitarian suffering, restore stability in the region, and open up prospects for reconstruction and for realizing development.

The phone call touched on regional developments, primarily the situation in Libya. The two Presidents agreed on the need to push forward efforts underway to reach a political settlement in Libya that shall restore stability in the country, preserve its territorial integrity and national institutions, and contribute to enhancing counter-terrorism efforts in the region. President El Sisi and President Macron welcomed the existing level of coordination and the alignment in their views with regard to the main priorities required at this stage. The two Presidents agreed to continue consultations.