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### **President El Sisi Meets Italian Parliamentary Delegation**

Today, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi met with an Italian parliamentary delegation, led by Chairman of the Senate Defense Committee, Nicola Latorre. The delegation also included Italy's Senate Vice President Maurizio Gasparri.

President El Sisi stated that Egypt looks forward to further advancing the historic relations with Italy, and underscored his confidence in their relation's ability to overcome various challenges. The President emphasized the need to continue to enhance parliamentary relations between the two countries. He also stressed the importance of intensifying exchanges of visits between the two parliaments' members so as to promote popular interaction and generate momentum to the outstanding relations between the Egyptian and Italian peoples. President El Sisi confirmed that Egypt will not forget Italy's positions in support of the will of the Egyptian people following the June 30th revolution.

Members of the Italian delegation noted that their country values the distinct relations with Egypt and that they look forward to promoting and reinvigorating the ongoing frameworks of cooperation across all fields in the coming period. They reiterated Italy's position in support of Egypt in the face of all security and economic challenges. The Chairman of Italy's Senate Defense Committee Mr. Latorre commended Egypt's pivotal role in the Middle East and said Italy values Egypt's efforts and appreciates the burdens it endures to combat terrorism and illegal immigration. The delegation members also highlighted Egypt's efforts to restore stability in the region and settle its ongoing crises.

The meeting addressed challenges in the Middle East, primarily the fight against terrorism and combating illegal immigration. President El Sisi asserted that the current threats necessitate increased joint coordination and cooperation to confront and eradicate them. He confirmed that countering terrorism requires concerted efforts by the international community to halt the funding of terrorist organizations and prevent providing them with logistical support, safe havens as well as political and media coverage.

On ways to address ongoing crises in the region, primarily Libya, President El Sisi emphasized that restoring stability and ending the humanitarian plight in the region prioritize reaching political solutions to these crises and preserving the nation states and their territorial integrity. This is in addition to supporting their national institutions so as to enable them to assume their responsibilities in securing their borders in the face of terrorism and illegal immigration.

The meeting also touched on ways to reinvigorate political relations between Egypt and Italy and tackled developments in the case of Italian student Regeni. President El Sisi stressed the need to continue close cooperation between the investigation authorities in the two countries. The President reiterated Egypt's full commitment to working on disclosing the circumstances surrounding the incident so as to determine the perpetrators and bring them to justice.

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