

**Joint Press Communiqué on the State visit to Viet Nam**  
**by H.E. the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt Abdel Fattah Al Sisi**  
**from 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

1- At the Invitation of H.E. Tran Dai Quang, President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, H.E. Abdel Fattah Al Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt paid a State visit to Viet Nam from 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> September 2017. H.E. the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt was accompanied by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Chief of the Presidential Cabinet, the Minister of Electricity and Renewable Energy, the Minister of Investment and International Cooperation, the Minister of Transport, and a sizable business delegation made up of 20 representatives of companies from various sectors.

2- During the visit, H.E. President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi laid a wreath and paid tribute at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and the War Memorial.

H.E. the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt paid a courtesy call to H.E. Nguyen Phu Trong, the General Secretary of the Communist Party of Viet Nam, held talks with H.E. Tran Dai Quang, President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, met with H.E. Nguyen Xuan Phuc, the Prime Minister, H.E. Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan, the Chairwoman of the National Assembly, and attended the Viet Nam-Egypt Business Forum.

In a cordial and friendly atmosphere, both sides exchanged view on co-operation on issues of common interest in bilateral relations, regional and international issues.

3-The two Presidents expressed their satisfaction with the progress in bilateral ties since the two countries' establishment of diplomatic relations 54 years ago. H.E. President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi congratulated Viet Nam on its achievements in various areas, including maintaining social security and sustainable growth, improving the business environment and accelerating international and regional economic integration. H.E. President Tran Dai Quang congratulated the Egyptian people on successfully completing its Political Roadmap along with major economic reforms and national projects in order to implement the Egypt's Agenda 2030 which opened up opportunities for accelerating bilateral cooperation in various aspects.

The two Sides expressed their satisfaction with the results of the State visit of H.E. Abdel Fattah Al Sisi, the President of Egypt to Viet Nam, and considered this a milestone in the strengthening and promotion of the traditional friendship and multi-faceted cooperation between Viet Nam and Egypt.

4- H.E. President Tran Dai Quang and H.E. President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi agreed to further intensify more frequent and wider exchange of visits via different channels between the governments, parliaments, localities, people to people exchanges, business to business; reaffirmed the effective continuation of the existing bilateral cooperation mechanisms including the joint-governmental commission, political consultation meetings and others, consolidating mutual strategic understanding between the two countries.

5- Both leaders agreed to join hands in celebrating the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their diplomatic relations in 2018.

6- The two sides expressed their satisfaction with the cooperation within international forums, including the mutual support for candidatures to international organizations within the United Nations framework.

7- The Egyptian side appreciated the support of Viet Nam for Egypt's accession to the ASEAN Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC). The two sides expressed their willingness to strengthen cooperation in

relevant fields and make joint efforts for the progress and prosperity in the two respective regions.

8- The two Leaders emphasized that peace and stability in Southeast Asia, Middle East and Africa should be maintained for the interest of the people of all countries. The two sides affirmed the importance of enhancing international cooperation in combating terrorism which is considered a common enemy of all peace-loving people.

The two sides support seeking political solutions to the crisis in the Middle East that ensure the unity, territorial integrity and sovereignty of the respective countries.

The two sides reaffirmed their support to the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and the necessity of peace negotiations to reach a just, comprehensive and final settlement for the Palestinian cause based on the two-state solution.

9- Both Sides expressed their desire and determination to maintain a rules-based maritime order as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

10- The two sides also noted with satisfaction the signing of the Agreed Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Session of Viet Nam-Egypt Joint Commission during this State visit and the outcome of the meeting between the two technical delegations in preparation for the Joint Commission which was held from 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2017 followed by the visit of the Egyptian Minister of Investment and International Cooperation and the Chairman of the General Authority for Suez Canal Economic Zone.

11-The two Leaders agreed to enhance bilateral co-operation on trade and investment and pledged to provide favorable conditions for businesses of both countries to increase access to each other's market so as to achieve the targeted bilateral trade turnover of US\$1 billion in the time ahead.

12-Both Sides agreed to promote and strengthen cooperation in various areas, such as trade, investment, industry, SMEs, agriculture, fisheries, transportation, port construction, shipbuilding, culture, tourism, communication and information technologies, education and cooperation between localities of the two countries. The two sides agreed to strengthen cooperation in the field of quality and standard, Viet Nam welcomed the proposal from Egypt side to provide technical support and training for Vietnamese personnel in the field of Halal Trade Certification.

13- Both sides highly appreciated bilateral cooperation in the field of culture, especially in exchanging the artist delegations to joint cultural festival and agreed to enhance cultural exchange including the organization of Cultural Days/Weeks in each country.

14- The two Leaders witnessed the signing of 06 Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), 02 Executive programs and ) 01 Agreed Minutes namely: (i) the Agreed Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Session of the Joint Commission, (ii) MOU on the establishment of the Viet Nam-Egypt Sub-Committee on trade and industrial cooperation between Ministry of Industry and Trade of Viet Nam and Ministry of Trade and Industry of Egypt, (iii) MOU on fishery cooperation between Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam and Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation of Egypt, (iv) MOU on Merchant shipping between the Ministry of Transport of Egypt and Ministry of Transport of Viet Nam, (v) MOU between the Radio of Egypt and The Voice of Viet Nam, (vi) MOU between the Ministry of Investment and International Cooperation of Egypt and the Ministry of Planning and Investment of Viet Nam, (vii) MOU between the Ministry of Planning and Investment of Viet Nam and the General Authority for Suez Canal Economic Zone (viii) Executive Program for Tourism Cooperation for the period 2017-2019 between Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Viet

Nam and Ministry of Tourism of Egypt, (ix) Executive Program for Culture Cooperation for the period 2017-2021 between the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Viet Nam and the Ministry of Culture of Egypt.

15- H.E. President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi expressed warm appreciation to H.E. President Tran Dai Quang, the Government and people of Viet Nam for the warm hospitality accorded to him and his delegation during his visit in Viet Nam.

16- H.E. President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi extended an invitation to H.E. President Tran Dai Quang to visit Egypt. H.E. President Tran Dai Quang gladly accepted the invitation. Dates for the visit shall be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

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