

## **President El Sisi Participates in Closed Session of AU Summit**

Today, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi participated in a closed session for the African heads of state and government at the start of the African Union Summit to discuss the main items on the summit agenda, mainly the AU institutional reform efforts.

President El Sisi expressed Egypt's appreciation for the efforts of the president of Guinea, as the current chairperson of the AU, as well as the efforts of the president of Rwanda in the area of institutional reform. The President discussed the relation between the Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC). He noted that Egypt concurs that the Assembly is the supreme body of the AU that enjoys unrivaled absolute sovereignty, and that the role of the lower bodies is confined to implementation. However experience has proved the need for the process of taking a decision to pass through various levels before it is submitted to the Assembly or the presidential retreats. This is in order for it to be controlled and checked before being endorsed by the heads of state and government so as not to face obstacles during the implementation. President El Sisi also wished the president of Rwanda success in assuming his post as chairperson of the AU for 2018.