

## **President El Sisi Participates in the Opening Session of the AU Summit**

Today, President Abdel Fattah El Sisi participated in the opening session of the 30th African Union Summit in Addis Ababa.

Addressing the session were Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, the United Nations Secretary General and the Secretary General of the Arab League. In his statement, the President of Guinea gave an overview of the AU's activities under his presidency in 2017. He congratulated President El Sisi on the selection of Egypt to preside over the AU in 2019, and reiterated his confidence that Egypt will carry out its duties during its AU presidency in the most effective way and efficiently defend African issues and interests in various international fora.

At the conclusion of the session, President El Sisi witnessed the ceremony for handing over the AU presidency from the outgoing President of Guinea to the President of Rwanda who will assume the rotating AU presidency in 2018.