



Arab Republic of Egypt
Ministry of Communications
and Information Technology

Mr. President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi,

Prime Minister,

Ministers,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Mr. President,

We are greatly honored by your presence today at this annual ICT gathering for the second time, which affirms your support to this promising sector. The sector that contributes significantly to Egypt's national income with up to 3.2%, employs more than half a million citizens and exports \$ 1.6 billion annually. Today, we affirm that your assignments to the sector, and the other assignments we received in follow-up meetings with Your Excellency, have been implemented with utmost precision, efficiency and quality and in record time, as you witnessed today.

In the ICT field, the fourth-generation (4G) and virtual fixed phone licenses have been granted during the current year. Telecommunications infrastructure has been upgraded and mobile phone services are to cover border areas and national roads.

Two technology parks have been established in less than a year, in line with your assignments to implant technology nationwide and achieve justice in development via implementing two technology parks in Assiut and Borg Al-Arab. The establishment of the two parks was started in February 2016 and they are ready now to be inaugurated, including the contracting with local and international companies operating in the ICT field.

In line with your assignments to create and connect national databases, completing the implementation of the consolidated record of the family, to improve data quality and linking them to the national number, to enable decision makers to take right decisions based on previous and future analyses, the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology

(MCIT) in collaboration with the various state agencies, is about to complete all those tasks as soon as possible in accordance with your assignments.

On the level of using information technology in the development and in supporting citizens, an ambitious and intensive program has been implemented during the year to integrate and enable PwDs to use information and communication technology.

A number of post offices have been upgraded, developed and converted into integrated financial services and community centers within the framework of the State's keenness to improve and modernize services provided to citizens. Within your assignments, two centers have been implemented to serve citizens, providing one-stop window services for a number of government services needed by citizens in the two technology parks in Assiut and Borg Al-Arab.

Following your instructions, a center for serving citizens has been initiated in Al Asmarat city, and expected to be completed within three months. The Ministry plans to expand in the implementation of this initiative and disseminate it in different governorates to provide excellent government services to citizens.

According to your assignments, the High Council for Cyber-Security (HCC) has been activated through the Prime Minister's decree to determine the terms of reference of the Council and the formation of his executive office and its technical secretariat. The Executive Office began to develop a cybersecurity strategy in Egypt, to secure all sectors of the state against any cyber attacks.

I would also like to introduce to you the current position of the two initiatives, which you requested launching during the last year's edition, namely, " the future technology pioneers" initiative and the "design and manufacture of electronics" initiative. As for the first initiative of youth who are your focus, the construction of interactive learning platform has been completed and are ready today for you to launch. This will help in providing training and developing skills for more than 11 thousand young Egyptians.

With respect to the manufacture of electronics initiative, major world manufacturers have been contracted with for manufacturing mobile phones, tablets, and Internet devices as well as fiber optic cables to be established in new technology parks in Borg Al Arab and Assiut. This is in addition to contracting with an international company to manufacture computer servers, especially those used in giant data centers.

Mr. president,

With regard to attracting investments, our sector spares no effort to attract more foreign investments to work in Egypt. Nine new companies, in providing software development and

information technology services or services that rely on information technology, such as financial services, human resources, data processing, have been attracted. These new companies are expected to employ approximately 2,000 specialists as of early 2017, in addition to the existing companies that are expanding in the recruitment processes, as a result of providing good conditions that help these companies to expand.

Mr. President,

All those who work in this sector appreciate the due consideration that you give to the sector, which requires more responsibility, being one of the largest growing economic sectors at the state's level and the one that supports the state development plans in all sectors.

The tour, which you have taken, and dialogues held with representatives of those participating companies affirms to you the commitment of this promising sector, to participate in achieving an economic boom in Egypt. The sector supports all the governmental and non-governmental activities, as it is one of the bridges of cooperation with our sister states to increase trade exchange and support the Egyptian trade balance with these states. It is a model for exporting IT products and services carried out by young people at the highest level of training, competence and professionalism.

Mr. President,

The honor and support you give to this sector holds a huge a responsibility on all of us to meet our commitments to achieve economic breakthrough to Egypt, and we promise you to make every effort to achieve this goal.

May the peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you

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