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In the Name of Allah, the Rahman, the Merciful

Mr President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, Egypt's President

Mr Sherif Ismail, the Prime Minister,

Ministers,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me a great honor to meet this distinguished gathering in Cairo ICT nineteenth edition, sponsored by President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, and graced with his presence and the attendance of government agencies and ICT industry leaders. I hope this sponsorship and participation constitute the cornerstone to support and advance the ICT sector, in accordance with international standards, to modernize our society and improve the level of services provided to citizens.

Mr President

The due consideration that you give to this sector reflects its great significance that stems from being the second largest growing economic sector at the state's level, and the sector that has the potential to lead the development and growth process in all areas.

The ICT industry has followed a new approach through new technologies such as big data, cloud computing, internet of thing (IoT) and many other concepts that have changed the way we live, work and learn. Living in a connected community is not a far-fetched dream, but a reality that connects citizens to one another and to their service government providers, in the fields of health, education or any other services. This is in addition to other services provided by the private sector and civil society organizations (CSOs).

Youth are the treasure of any country; and Egyptian young people are invaluable treasure. We save no effort to improve their skills through various training programs designed to meet the knowledge challenges of modern world and encourage them to innovate. These programs will also provide outstanding job opportunities, which will be positively reflect on increasing the national income, developing society and achieving social justice and political stability.

Mr President, your assignments to the sector, in the government commissioning letter, are being implemented through the development of various government services. We have begun developing post offices, steps taken in accordance with Egypt Post development project which includes 3911 post offices nationwide. The offices are now being developed technologically to undertake the tasks entrusted to them. This is in addition to developing the financial services provided by Egypt Post to citizens.

Egypt Telecom (TE) is currently implementing an ambitious comprehensive program to develop and improve the quality of services provided to citizens nationwide, which started in early November 2015. The program includes developing all 1600 centrals nationwide, and developing 2.8 million distribution points over the next six months, to be fully completed by mid-2016.

The attraction of foreign direct investment in ICT areas and the increase of IT products and services exports are MCIT top priorities and all the cooperating sectors in this promising industry.

We dare not forget the support MCIT provides, represented by its various affiliates, for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) operating in this sector through providing a mixture of technical, administrative and financing supportive services to these startups to achieve rapid growth that could drive them to compete in the global market.

Mr President, the tour that you have conducted with the respectable gathering of participating entities and companies highlights your acuity and prudence in supporting this pioneering promising sector, as it will bring out the potentials of this sector in supporting all other productive and service sectors in the Egyptian economy.

This sector represents Egypt's fruitful cooperation with its neighbors and the world to achieve prosperity and peace to mankind through this industry that, for many decades, has sought convergence via communications, social media and other concepts that support the values we all seek.

This step that you have taken Mr President is highly appreciated by all members of the ICT community, and we look forward to seize the opportunity to make every effort to achieve the goals that you hope to realize with all the people for the advancement of Egypt.

Your confidence and your outstanding support, Mr President, for the sector is motivating all of us to exert more efforts to deserve your confidence and we promise that we will do our best to achieve the aspirations of Egyptian citizens.

Once again I welcome you and all the respectable gathering, and invite them to visit the pavilions of Egyptian exhibiting companies and believe they will provide solutions for automating many public services.

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