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**Draft Statement**

**by His Excellency President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi**

**President of the Arab Republic of Egypt**

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**the Post-2015 Development Agenda**

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Excellencies Heads of State and Government,

Secretary General of the United Nations,

President of the General Assembly,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the Beginning, I would like to thank the President of the General Assembly for convening this important summit, and express my esteem for the invaluable effort we have all exerted throughout the last three years to formulate a new multilateral developmental agenda for the upcoming 15 years which we are gathered to adopt. In this forward-looking agenda, we encompassed unprecedented objectives to eradicate poverty, eliminate hunger, achieve sustainable development, and provide everyone with convenient health care and education.

In the last few years, we have witnessed intensive international efforts to create more enabling environment for sustainable development for all. The momentum of this endeavour reached its peak in the last few months, starting from the Third United Nations Conference on Financing for Development which was held in Addis Ababa in July 2015 up till the final formulation of the Post 2015 Development Agenda raised before us. Today, we are convening not only to adopt this Agenda, but also to mobilize the much needed international political will for implementing it.

Mr. President,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Egypt has effectively and constructively participated in all phases of drafting and formulating the development agenda, in which we have clearly stated that any international endeavour to achieve sustainable development should take into consideration the policy space of the developing countries and its sovereignty in adopting appropriate national economic and social programmes for raising the standards of life and securing a better future for its people.

Attaining our right to development and providing a better life standard of living were amongst the utmost priorities of the Egyptian people when they rose to re-shape their future. In that vein, we launched in March 2015 “The Sustainable Development Strategy until 2030”, which aims at achieving comprehensive economic development, improving investment environment and promoting human capital. In addition, the strategy endeavours to attain social justice, provide higher standards of living through enhancing the quality of services provided to our citizens, and create decent job opportunities.

Launching our national strategy concurred with Egypt Economic Development Conference held last March, which witnessed wide international participation from various governments and global business community. The unrivaled success of the conference was a clear evidence that the international community considers the stability of Egypt the cornerstone for stability in the Middle East.

In realization of the pivotal role of Egypt as a bridge for promoting cultural interdependence and developmental cooperation between different nations, we have launched the new Suez Canal last month, exhibiting a genuine effort of a great nation capable in just one year not only to dig an international navigational stream, but also to launch thereby a tremendous developmental project that constitutes a major component of a new national development map, which will enable Egypt to become a regional and international hub for trade and investment.

Mr. President,

As much as we are hopeful today in adopting an ambitious agenda that situates the developmental objectives of the global community on a sustainable path, we are yet concerned about the lack of appropriate tools needed for implementing the agenda in a way that supports our aspirations and vows our challenges.

The differences in levels of development imposes different responsibilities and commitments between the members of the international community. It is a historical responsibility that should be carried out by those who have the capabilities towards those who do not,

especially in overcoming the challenge of bridging the funding gap, which impedes the implementation of developmental plans in developing countries.

In addition, the international community should be more effective in dealing with other global challenges that hinder establishing peaceful and stable societies in many countries and impede accomplishing sustainable development, especially terrorism in its various forms, which has become an international phenomenon not only confined within the borders of our Middle Eastern region but also extending day after day to many other regions in the world. The Egyptian people in their quest for reconstruction and development, is facing the most dangerous extremist terrorist doctrine, yet we confront with strengthen and determination those who attempt to disrupt the aspirations of our people for a better life and brighter future.

Mr. President,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In conclusion, let me reaffirm that development has always been a historical right for all countries, and pursuing this right today has become a must for coexisting together. This requires providing the essential support to the developing countries in their march for attaining development and a better life for its people.

Thank you.