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JOINT STATEMENT
FOLLOWING THE MEETINGS BETWEEN
PRESIDENT MUHAMMAD ANWAR EL-SADAT
AND
PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD
IN SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

JUNE 1 - 2, 1975

The President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Muhammad Anwar el-Sadat, and the President of the United States, Gerald R. Ford, met in Salzburg, Austria, June 1 - 2, 1975, to discuss issues of mutual concern. They were joined in their discussions by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ismail Fahmy, and the Secretary of State and Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, Henry A. Kissinger.

Also taking part in the talks were:

President el-Sadat and President Ford welcomed the opportunity to meet for the first time as Chiefs of State, and to explore in depth the range of issues of mutual interest, both in the field of foreign affairs and in the area of bilateral relations.

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President el-Sadat and President Ford reaffirmed that the disengagement agreement of January, 1974, was a "first step" toward a just and lasting peace in the Middle East based on United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and that further progress must follow. President Ford reiterated the pledge of the United States Government to assist the parties to move rapidly toward peace and its determination not to allow stalemate or stagnation to develop in the peace process. In this context, the two Presidents reviewed alternative approaches aimed at regenerating peace negotiations and agreed to maintain their close consultation on ways to attain a final and comprehensive peace settlement, including the reconvening at the appropriate time of the Geneva Middle East Peace Conference. They agreed that such a peace settlement must take into account the legitimate interests of all the peoples of the area, including the Palestinian people, the territorial integrity of all the states in the area, and their right to independent existence and security.

President el-Sadat and President Ford reviewed the current state of bilateral relations between their two countries within the framework of the joint "Statement of Principles of Relations and Cooperation between Egypt and the United States", issued in Cairo on June 14, 1974. In reviewing the

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progress which has taken place in these relations, they noted with satisfaction the intensification of contacts and consultations between their peoples and Governments under the Egyptian-U.S. Joint Cooperation Commission and its various Working Groups, the deepening of economic relations and the establishment of cooperative development institutions and projects, and the intensification of mutually beneficial exchanges in the fields of science, education and culture. They affirmed their desire to accelerate and broaden such mutually beneficial contacts and allocations.

In the field of economic relations, President el-Sadat reiterated his determination to do all in his power to bring a better life to his people and to move in a systematic way to put Egypt on the path of sustained economic growth. President Ford expressed full understanding for President el-Sadat's aspirations in this area and stated his conviction that the United States should assist in the economic development of the Arab Republic of Egypt, both unilaterally and with the cooperation of other states.

To this end, President Ford informed President el-Sadat particularly that the United States, working closely with the Government of Egypt, is prepared to concert urgently with other interested governments and with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund to help meet Egypt's short-term financial

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needs in such a way as to strengthen the foundation for longer-term economic progress. President Ford also informed President el-Sadat that the United States contemplates providing additional support to Egypt under Public Law PL 480 and to Egypt's long-term economic development program in the U.S. fiscal year beginning July 1, 1975, and that he will seek the authorization and appropriation of funds by the Congress to this end.

The two Presidents concluded that the personal discussions held between them had contributed materially to the deepening of the relationship between their two countries. They expressed their hope that further, similar meetings might be held at a mutually convenient date. President Ford reaffirmed the invitation extended to President el-Sadat to visit the United States, and President el-Sadat expressed his hope that such a visit would be possible in the near future.

President el-Sadat and President Ford expressed their thanks and appreciation to Prime Minister Bruno Kreisky of Austria for his hospitality in connection with their meetings in Salzburg.

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