



## Egypt and the United States: A Strategic Partnership



The Egyptian-U.S. partnership has been a bedrock of stability in the Middle East for nearly four decades. Since the 1978 Camp David Accords, Egypt and the United States have collaborated to address the region's wide-ranging military, political and economic challenges.

The 2015 resumption of the U.S.-Egypt Strategic Dialogue marked a new milestone in this partnership, providing a renewed foundation from which to strengthen and broaden the vital ties between the two countries.

Today, Egypt and the U.S. are working together to eliminate the threat of terrorism, counter the spread of extreme ideologies and build a more stable and prosperous Middle East.

### MILITARY COOPERATION AND COUNTERTERRORISM EFFORTS

Being on the frontlines of the global war against terrorism, Egypt is partnering with the U.S. and other countries and international organizations to ensure greater security and stability for Egyptians, the region and the world. Our contribution to defeating terrorism ranges from diplomatic engagement with key allies, countering foreign terrorist fighters, information sharing, the elimination of terrorist financing and counter messaging.

- › Egypt is an active member of the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL—a broad, U.S.-led international coalition—and has worked with the United States since its inception to degrade and defeat ISIL and its affiliates.
- › Along with the U.S., Egypt is a founding member of the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF), an international platform that promotes strategic approaches against terrorism and the violent ideologies that underpin it.

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We have a very, very good relationship with [President El Sisi]. We're going to have a very good relationship with Egypt.”

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP,  
26 JANUARY 2017

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With its strategic location, control of the Suez Canal, enduring peace treaty with Israel coupled with a religious and cultural Pan-Arab influence; Egypt remains a stalwart partner in pursuit of shared Middle East policy objectives that include counter-terrorism, counter-violent extremism, and improved regional stability.”

GENERAL JOSEPH VOTEL,  
COMMANDER OF THE U.S.  
CENTRAL COMMAND,  
*in his 9 March 2017 testimony  
before the Senate Armed  
Services Committee*



# Embassy of Egypt

WASHINGTON, D.C.

TOTAL TRADING VOLUME  
BEWTEEN EGYPT AND THE U.S.:

## \$6.3B

IN 2015

U.S. INVESTMENTS IN  
EGYPT REPRESENT

## 33.2%

OF U.S. FDI IN AFRICA

EGYPTIAN EXPORTS  
TO THE U.S.:

## \$1.4B

IN 2015



- > In September 2015, Egypt's Armed Forces launched Operation Martyr's Right, a phased military operation aimed at disrupting terrorist attacks, arresting terrorist leaders, confiscating weapons caches and dismantling terror cells operating in Sinai, while protecting civilian lives and property. Concurrent with the military component of the operation, Egypt is addressing the economic needs of Sinai residents in order to improve lives and prevent radicalization.
- > Egyptian Armed Forces have destroyed underground tunnels used by terrorists to transport contraband between Gaza and Sinai.
- > President El Sisi has engaged Al-Azhar, Egypt's prestigious institution for Islamic scholarship, to encourage its clerics to reaffirm and communicate the true tolerant values of Islam and reform religious discourse.
- > Egypt is working with the U.S. and partners on the United Nations Security Council's counterterrorism committee to promote international collaboration in this field.

### ECONOMIC SUPPORT

As Egypt has embarked on an ambitious plan to transform its economy for the 21st century, the United States continues to be one of Egypt's closest partners.

- > In 2015, total trading volume between Egypt and the United States reached \$6.3 billion, including \$1.4 billion in Egyptian exports to the U.S, representing 2.1% of Egypt's GDP (Approximately \$331 billion in 2015).
- > In 2015, U.S. investments in Egypt totaled \$21.3 billion, representing 33.2% of U.S. FDI in Africa.
- > Since 2005, the United States' Qualifying Industrial Zones (QIZ) protocol has allowed goods jointly produced in Egypt and Israel duty-free entry to the United States. Egypt has over 150 QIZ-registered companies that export to the U.S., including goods for Levi Strauss & Co., GAP, Walmart and Nike.

### CULTURAL

In November 2016, Egypt and the United States signed a memorandum of understanding to prevent the illegal exportation and trafficking of antiquities between Egypt and the U.S. The agreement is the first of its kind in the Middle East and North Africa and will help to ensure that priceless cultural heritage is preserved for future generations.

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Egyptian authorities have embarked on an ambitious reform program to put the country's economy on a sustainable path and achieve job-rich growth. This agreement will help restore macroeconomic stability and bring Egypt's economy closer to its full potential.”

IMF MANAGING  
DIRECTOR CHRISTINE  
LAGARDE