

Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2018

Remarks Prior to a Meeting With President AbdelFattah Said ElSisi of Egypt in New York City

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President Trump. Well, thank you very much. It's a great honor to be with President ElSisi, a friend—a great friend—of Egypt. And we have very special things happening. Our relationship has never been stronger. And we're working with Egypt on many different fronts, including military and trade. And whatever else you can work, we're working. And we're getting along great, and it's an honor to be with you again.

President ElSisi. Mr. President, it's a great pleasure to be here, and the honor is all mine. And let me congratulate you on all the achievements that you have accomplished over the past 2 years.

President Trump. Thank you very much.

President ElSisi. Being here and having this meeting really speaks volumes of the magnitude of the relationship between Egypt and the United States and the cooperation between——

[At this point, President ElSisi continued his remarks, which were translated by an interpreter as follows.]

We have a longstanding relationship, over 40 years now. And during your term, Mr. President, our relationship has witnessed even more support. So I thank you, Mr. President.

President Trump. Well, I want to thank you, and I want to congratulate you on doing an outstanding job with respect to terrorism. I know you're working very hard on that. It's not easy. And you're at the forefront. But you've done an outstanding job. I just want to congratulate you. Thank you very much. Thank you very much.

President ElSisi. With your support, Mr. President, we'll be able to attain this objective. We will be able to eliminate the terrorism. And this has been your obligation that you made very clear during your Presidential campaign that you were going to eliminate terrorism all over the world.

President Trump. We've done very well. If you look at various parts of the Middle East—you look at Syria—we've wiped out ISIS. We're in the very final throes. But you have really been outstanding. And we will work with you, and we will go all the way. Thank you very much. Great job.

President ElSisi. Thank you.

President Trump. Thank you very much. Thank you very much, everybody.

NOTE: The President spoke at 5:23 p.m. at United Nations Headquarters. In his remarks, he referred to the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist organization. President ElSisi spoke in Arabic, and his remarks were translated by an interpreter.

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