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The Role of Egypt in Building Human Civilization

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, "Welcome to Egypt: you will all be safe here, God willing'." I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. May Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon him, his Household, Companions and upon those who follow their path to the Day of Judgment.

Our beloved homeland, Egypt, is the cradle of civilizations, the home of Divine Messages, and the thriving heart of Arabs and Islam. It is a country whose name is mentioned in the Glorious Qur'an as the Almighty Allah says in the words of Prophet Joseph (PBUH), "Welcome to Egypt: you will all be safe here, God willing'."

He who has seen the earth and its countries,

and people of all types and races

But never saw Egypt or its people,

So, He has not seen the world or the people

Our homeland, Egypt, is a country of treasures and blessings. The Almighty Allah has described it in the words of Prophet Joseph saying, "Put me in charge of the store-houses of the land, for I am truly reliable and careful." And On the blessed land of Sinai, Allah Almighty spoke to Moses. In addition, the father of the Prophets, Abraham (PBUH) married our mother Hajar, who was from Egypt, and she became the mother of Prophet Ismail (PBUH), who is the grand father of our Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

Our Prophet (PBUH) commanded believers to be good with Egypt and its people, as he (PBUH) said, "You will soon enter Egypt where Al-Qirat is frequently mentioned. So, treat its inhabitants well. For there lies upon you the responsibility because of blood ties or relationship (with them)."

Egypt is the mother of human civilizations. Many civilizations have met on its land throughout ages. Pharaonic, Greek, Roman, Coptic and Islamic civilizations have blessed the people of Egypt with a special combination of great and tolerant Egyptian civilization. Throughout history, the people of Egypt have been characterized by love, fraternity, generosity and tolerance. The people of Egypt have mixed together into one solid fabric throughout history and different cultures. Egypt has established its civilization on values and ethics, out of belief that the

civilizations build on anything other than values, ethics and tolerance bear the factors of their fall within their construction and the foundations.

Egypt founded a great civilization that benefited humanity in various sciences and arts. Egyptians have made great contributions in the fields of science and knowledge over history. They have excelled in the fields of medicine, engineering, astronomy, mummification, agriculture and construction. Throughout the ages, Egyptians have been makers of civilization. These are the pyramids standing as one of the seven wonders of the world, as a great witness to Egypt's great civilization.

Egypt has enriched human civilization with science and knowledge since the dawn of humanity. Prophet Idris (PBUH) was an Egyptian. Our Prophet (PBUH) said about him: "The first to write with a pen." Al-Minawi (may Allah have mercy on him) said in Fayd al-Qadir: Prophet Idris (PBUH) was the first to write and study arithmetic. He said: He is the first to sew and wear clothes. It was not only Prophet Idris (PBUH), many Egyptians have excelled in many fields in the past and recent times.

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds; may Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), his companions and followers:

When one contemplates human history, he understands that Egypt was a resort for the world in dangers and famines. Prophet Joseph (PBUH) developed a plan to save many neighboring countries from a famine that afflicted them at that time. He made a balance between hard work, perfect production, rational consumption and careful saving. The country could achieve prosperity, success and cultural and economic strength. People come to Egypt from every remote place to get provision.

The Glorious Qur'an reported this story in the words of Prophet Joseph (PBUH) in an interpretation of the vision of the King of Egypt, as the Almighty Allah said, "You will sow for seven consecutive years as usual. Store all that you reap, left in the ear, apart from the little you eat. After that will come seven years of hardship which will consume all but a little of what you stored up for them. After that will come a year when the people will have abundant rain and will press grapes."

Thus, people who felt fear, used to resort to Egypt. Moreover, in its great history, Egypt represented a great resistance to repel dangers and enemies who would attack it, its security, its neighborhood or its region.

Also, throughout its long history, Egypt has had a great impact on human civilization. And even now, Egypt, in the new republic, fascinates the whole world with shining energy, driving force, the will of its leadership, the determination of its people and its efforts in building and

reconstruction, and in countering terrorism and extremist thought, and its attempts to counter the effects of climate change. Egypt has been able to bring together top world leaders on its land to work on radical solutions to address the serious effects of climate change. Egypt has sent a call to the whole world that “Come to work together for the benefit of all humanity, within the framework of the unity of common human destiny in this universe.”

We ask Allah to protect our country Egypt, and all other countries of the world!