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Executive summary

Today, December 14, 2019, the activities of the third session of the World Youth Forum will be launched in Sharm El Sheikh, and due to last for four days under the auspices of President Abdel Fattah El Sisi.

This session, in accordance with President Abdel Fattah El Sisi's opinion of the Forum, is quite an opportunity to build bridges of dialogue and communication among young people from all over the world."

The Forum, with its three axes: peace, development and creativity, makes for a platform of dialogue and constructive interaction among the world's youth on issues and topics that represent the focus of global concern.

The Forum seeks to exchange opinions and experiences, and communicate with the senior decision makers and intellectuals in the world, within a civilizational and cultural framework that reflects the principles of acceptance of the other and coexistence.

In this context, the international media focused mostly on covering the activities of the forum. The Arab media focused on the participation of the Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas Abu Mazen, a number of representatives of Arab and international states and governments, and ministers of youth in other countries, in addition to international dignitaries and heads of several major international organizations.

As well, the international media cited an article by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Qu Dongyu, in which he mentioned that the World Youth Forum represents an excellent opportunity for young people from Africa and the whole world to participate enabling them to lead the coming stage of global development.

The international media also confirmed that the forum has become a global occasion for dialogue with the other, and it has become a golden opportunity for the world youth looking forward to converging for dialogue, not disputes, familiarity, not strife, consonance, not dissonance.

In addition, some Arab writers pointed to the indications of the continuation of the forum in its third session, including providing new opportunities and labor markets, which increases the confidence of young people in the ability of the Egyptian state to achieve its goals, and the desire of some people to renounce partisan commitment or intellectual engagement in political and ideological references.

Some Asian media have highlighted president Sisi's inauguration of the forum which discusses various issues among them are the industrial revolution, food security, environmental challenges, artificial intelligence, empowering women, in addition to the youth participating in the forum, lighting the Christmas tree in Sinai. "young people were invited to write their wishes for the new year on the" Christmas tree "lit in different colors, which gave a very beautiful appearance and created a different spirit. This forum is attended by a number of artists from Egypt, Morocco and Albania And the United States.

Meanwhile, some European media dealt with the arrival of the robot "Sofia" to participate in the forum, and the world youth participating in the forum, confirmed the strength of Egypt's infrastructure.

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1. Arab media

- The Sharq Al-Awsat newspaper published on 12/14/2019 the report titled "Egypt: Launching the" World Youth Forum "today amid interest in" Energy of the Mediterranean "... Sisi opens the third session with the participation of 7 thousand people in the presence of Abu Mazen. The report states:
 - Amid an international and Arab presence, the Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Essisi is launching today the third session of the "World Youth Forum," which focus on several issues, most notably "Energy Sources in the Mediterranean" and "Food Security in the African Continent, along with files of "climate change," "international security," and "counter-terrorism."
 - The forum, whose official activities are due to last for 4 days, witnesses the participation of about 7,000 participants, and it is scheduled that the Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas Abu Mazen will participate in launching it, at the invitation of his Egyptian counterpart, in addition to representatives of Arab and international countries and governments, and youth ministers in other countries. The forum attendance list includes international personalities, dignitaries and heads of several major international organizations, including: Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, Ahmad Aboul Gheit, , Secretary-General of the Islamic Cooperation Organization, Youssef Ahmed Al-Othaimeen, and Secretary-General of the Union for the Mediterranean, Nasser Kamel and Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union, Houlin Zhao and Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Qu Dongyu... and, High Representative of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, Miguel Ángel Moratinos. .. and Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Rafael Mariano Grossi.
 - The local media is remarkably interested in the activities of the forum, which was held for the first time in 2017. The city of Sharm El Sheikh in South Sinai seemed on

guard for the event, and it was noticeable the significant flow of foreign tourists in a number of the city's prominent tourist hotels.

- Under the title “Youth Can Drive Changes Needed for Food Security in Africa”, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Qu Dongyu, wrote in the Asharq Al-Awsat newspaper on 14/12/2019 an article. He discussed the role of youth in achieving the global goals of eliminating poverty and hunger on the continent. He added that by 2050, the world must feed 11 billion people. The demand for food will be 60 percent greater than it is today.
 - He presented examples of young people who have achieved successes in this field. At the age of 27, Egyptian couple Aly Abu Zeid and Eman Hassan noticed a gap in the market for cheap but high-quality processing machinery for dairy farmers. Together they launched CUBII, a company specialized in locally made food-manufacturing machines. Not only is their business flourishing, their equipment is also making it easier for producers to expand vertically along the value chain.
 - In Nigeria, 28-year-old Abigail Alabi founded Recy World, a social enterprise that brings modernization and efficiency to African farmers through low-cost technology. Since 2016, Recy World has been providing a rental service that makes sowing cassava 40 times faster, and a processing plant that multiplies the yield of each harvest to help improve productivity. Alabi plans to franchise this model and expand it throughout the continent.
 - In China, Shi Yan, at the age of 27, founded a farm under the Community Supported Agriculture program. The initiative was launched in 2009 and quickly turned into an entire movement of community-owned farms. In the first five years of operation, more than 800 community-supported agriculture farms were established across China with over 100,000 members.
 - He said that youth like Ali, Eman, Alabi, Shi and thousands of young leaders around the world are changing the face of agriculture and building inclusiveness, sustainability and productivity. Thus, empowering young men and women is one of the most effective ways to foster the innovation and pioneering approaches needed

- to revitalize rural areas, as well as accelerate progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.
- He added that young people are best equipped to embrace innovation and technology and use it as a force for change, not just in agriculture but other sectors as well. The World Youth Forum, hosted by Egypt's government under the auspices of President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, presents an excellent opportunity to engage with youth from Africa and around the world, and to empower them to lead the coming phase of global development.
 - Supporting young people and young entrepreneurs is important, particularly to create and promote innovative solutions to address the challenges of producing larger and better quantities of food for the increasing number of the world's population and mitigating the impacts of climate change.
- "Sky News Arabia" channel, Abu Dhabi, through its correspondent in Cairo; "Emile Amin", broadcasted on December 13, 2019 a comprehensive coverage of the activities of the WYF in its third edition, under the auspices and the presence of President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi. The coverage addressed the following points: -
 - There are several fundamental questions concerning this forum, which has become a global occasion for dialogue with the other, that is, it has become a golden opportunity for the youths of the world to gather for dialogue rather than fighting, acquaintance rather than divergence, and embracement rather than dissent.
 - This means that there is a vision behind the call for this forum, which comprises young people from all over the world. This version faces and responds to the calls for civilizational conflict that appeared three decades ago. The result is that humanity gains nothing because of the rise of nationalities, the growth of fundamentalism, and the rise of national intolerance, which led us to a time of killing identities.
 - The forum is a commendable global attempt, seeking to protect the world from the trap of deep hatred. The WYF is considered an effective platform for moving mental

and human life. Since the dawn of history, Egypt has been a meeting place for cultures, civilizations, religions and doctrines. The writings of the great Greek historian, Herodotus show that Egypt is the first incubator of ancient Greek thought, and the place from which calls for enlightenment and civilization were launched.

- The Sharm El Sheikh Forum sessions this year have unprecedented effective presentation and long-term vision. From the very beginning, the Forum pays due attention to human and spatial dimension, as it focuses, in one of its main sessions, on the issue of dialogue and neighborhood in the Mediterranean region, where ancient human civilizations flourished and shared a common history with all its human dimensions.
- This session, in particular, aims to activate the discussion between the past and the present. It highlights how the Mediterranean basin has linked the peoples of the region and produced a common heritage. The present time requires solidarity and cooperation in order to protect cultural heritage and monuments as a symbol of civilization and the unique identity of each country, and enrich various forms of cooperation and cultural integration, so as to create a sufficient space for dialogue among the peoples of the Mediterranean and a greater space for the convergence of civilizations.
- Among the most important issues that will be discussed during the sessions is the issue of the environmental threat the globe witnesses. It is a threat that threatens the peace of the world and the reassurance of nations and peoples, particularly that the anger of nature is capable of putting an end to the human race.
- The discussions of this session highlight the negative repercussions of the deterioration of the global climate, such as the phenomenon of refugees and the impact of rising levels of seas and oceans on biodiversity, and the desertification that may affect the agricultural lands, which in turn, may seriously affect human food security.
- Today, Egypt plays a major role in enhancing awareness in the African continent. This awareness has two ways: the first is to raise the awareness of the Africans themselves of their reality, and the second is to draw the world's attention to the

Dark Continent, which has not yet achieved the human and regional development it deserves.

- Sharm El-Sheikh Forum paves the way to talk about sustainable development in Africa and the opportunities and challenges it comprises. The extended discussion continues tackling the implementation of integrated projects in the continent as well as reviewing the role of African youths, and ways to empower them to achieve sustainable development in the continent.
- The report indicated that Sharm el -Sheikh Airport received youths from Europe, America, Asia and different Arab countries, who came with undeniable fears and concerns, related to the state of international peace and security in a period of global imbalance which is worse than the days of the Cold War between the Warsaw Pact and NATO.
- In this context, it is expected that the international peace and security issues, especially as many challenges such as terrorism, irregular wars appear, should come up for discussion, along with what international and regional organizations can do to maintain international peace and security and undertake efforts to prevent the outbreak of wars and support nuclear disarmament efforts.
- As a youth forum, the talks must focus on the issues of the time, such as the controversial relationship between man and the outcomes of what is today known as "artificial intelligence", and who controls the other. This is a very important and, at the same time, dangerous issue for the coming generations, as the machine is almost putting the human beings far away. The more intelligent the machine is, the less the opportunities of humans to carry out works that they used to perform throughout human history. This causes fears that science fiction films will come true and that the time in which robots control humans will come.
- The report indicated that the dialogues of Sharm el-Sheikh Forum concentrate on the human dimension. In this context, the American lizzie velasquez participates. She was born with a very rare medical condition, only 3 persons in the world suffer from. She began her works in 2010 when she published her second book entitled Be Beautiful, Be you, which aims to teach people that the outward appearance of a person is not important at all. Lizzie participates in discussions about women's

issues and their right to development. She expressed, in a video uploaded on WYF page, her great enthusiasm to participate in this event which she described as "amazing".

- The report indicated that the conference has a large space for arts. The forum administration revealed the slogan of the Forum's theater this year, i.e. "arts: a revival of humanity". The World Youth Theater held within the Forum's activities is a meeting point established by and for youths to gather promising artists from worldwide to present their talents and express their cultures through a variety of cultural and artistic activities.
 - The report concluded, on the land of Sharm El-Sheikh, the past and its wisdom, through senior decision makers, thinkers, scientists, politicians, media-men, writers and enlightenment philosophers, meets the present that has a promising future, i.e. the hopeful youths who hope for a better tomorrow.
- The Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Watan stated on December 13, 2019, in a report entitled "the Sudanese student who has been bullied sits beside President al-Sisi at WYF" that John appeared next to Sisi during the opening of the activities of the second edition of the World Youth Theater within the activities of the third edition of the WYF. The Sudanese youth sent several messages to the organizers of the WYF saying: "I am glad to be here. WYF is a great event that has a special status in my heart and the hearts of all World Youths."
 - It is reported that the Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and his wife attended the ceremony of launching the second edition of the World Youth Theatre within the activities of the WYF held in Sharm el-Sheikh.
 - Under the title "Forums and the role of youth in decision-making", Ahmed Suleiman wrote an article in the Kuwaiti newspaper al-Anbaa on December 13, 2019 that states: Egypt has recently followed an official orientation towards engaging youth in decision-making as a form of participatory democracy.

- Among the most prominent indications of the importance of these forums are the periodicity of their convention at different times, diversified agendas, speeches of President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi and their outputs are summarized in a number of points topped by the economic improvement. These meetings have many gains including attraction of investment, encouragement of tourism and creation of positive spirit with the internal and external public opinion.
- The current stage is characterized by the principle of empowering youths who are waiting for opportunities of training, education, promotion and leadership. It is remarkable that it is based on a number of factors according to opinions of the political sociologists related to their intellectual case, i.e. such as the case of renewal in any varied societal fields starting with the intellectual renewal to the political and economic renewal.
- Some political powers witness a significant sign namely; the State's reformulation of the general policies on a periodical basis in a way that helps in meeting the great expectations of Egyptians through creating new ranks of leadership in application of the Constitution's key principles and realization of the social justice. This can be outlined in several reasons that contributed to the increase of the role of youth forums and conferences topped by the following:
 - 1- Creation of new job opportunities and markets in line with improvement of macroeconomic indicators and decline of unemployment rates in rural and urban areas to the lowest level in years according to the latest statistics, the matter which enhanced confidence of youths in the State's ability to achieve its five-year goals on the medium term and near future.
 - 2- Absence of the role of traditional parties and adoption of the ideas of the most influential and organized blocs on the domestic level whether in terms of the intellectual reference or political programs.
 - 3- Desire of some figures to avoid the partisan commitment or intellectual engagement in the references of politics and ideology that have prevailed for decades and did not provide the aspired change, the matter which appeared in the constitutional amendments including Article No. (244) which stipulated the

appropriate representation of youths. Also, the empowering efforts lead to a clear relation among the role of State-organized forums and conferences, which appeared in the last governors reshuffle. Moreover, the majority expect that it will be implemented in the upcoming cabinet reshuffle, local councils and House of Representatives in the next year, the matter which stresses that youths are the main bloc in the year 2020 elections as they are expected to show more participation in the polls.

2- Asian Media

- The Chinese TV English CGTN broadcasted a report on December 14,2019 entitled “President Sisi opens third World Youth Forum in Sharm El-Sheikh”. The report said that the Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi is scheduled to open the third World Youth Forum in the Red Sea resort city of Sharm El-Sheikh on Saturday December 14,2019. The 2019 Forum will discuss a Number of topics including industrial revolution, food security, environmental challenges, artificial intelligence, block chain technology, women empowerment and much more. It added that various leaders and business representatives are expected to participate in the North African country for the four-day Forum.
- The report added that the World Youth Forum was first organized in 2017 to spark dialogue between the world’s youth and leaders as well as with top policy makers worldwide. It engages youth from around the globe in an enriching set-up, allowing them to exchange views and recommend initiatives to decision-makers and influential figures. Thousands of youth are expected to attend the Sharm El-Sheikh meeting.
- The Indonesian website “satuharapan.com” said that “participants in the World Youth Forum have lit the Christmas Tree in Sinai”. It added that youths were invited to write their wishes for the New Year on the “Christmas Tree” lit with different colors, which

showed a beautiful appearance and created a different spirit. A number of artists from Egypt, Morocco, Albania, United States, New India, Cameroon, Nepal, Russia and Jordan participate in the forum. The website mentioned that Pope Tawadros II of Alexandria and Patriarch of St. Mark Diocese said that the World Youth Forum shows the Egyptian President's interest in youths.

3- European Media

- The Russian news agency "Sputnik" released a report on December 13,2019 entitled "Arrival of Sophia the robot to the World Youth Forum". It said that Sophia the robot has arrived on Friday December 13,2019 to participate in the World Youth Forum 2019 in Sharm El-Sheikh.
 - Robot Sophia appeared in a video in which it said "wait for my participation in the World Youth Forum in Sharm El-Sheikh in the beautiful and sunny Sinai, I am very excited to meet you all".
 - The artificial intelligence is one of the most important topics to be tackled by the forum this year thanks to its importance and opportunities for youths and entrepreneurs in addition to the concerns of its utilization and multiple applications.
 - Sophia is a social humanoid robot developed by Hong Kong based company Hanson Robotics. In November 2017, Sophia was named the United Nations Development Program's first ever Innovation Champion. In 2018, Sophia won an Edison Award for Innovation. Sophia is named a 2018 Gold Edison Award Winner in Robotics.
 - In the same context, the website of the Russian federation of industries "Tourprom" published a report on December 13,2019 that Robot Sophia has accepted the invitation to participate in the World Youth Forum in Egypt's Sharm El-Sheikh during the period December 14 -17 2019.
 - The website connected participation of the world-famous Sophia in the World Youth Forum to the forum's interest in the electronic mentality issue. It added that Sophia sent a video message showing its happiness of such participation.

- The Netherland’s cryptocryptonews.com mentioned that WYF attendee said that Egypt has strong infrastructure to implement blockchain. Businessman Sherif al-Daw, one of the participants of (WYF) set to start in Sharm el-Sheikh on December 14th, said that Egypt has experience in the blockchain technology. This came during a session dubbed “Blockchain: A Revolution in the Digital World,” held in preparation for the WYF which aims to display the impact of blockchain on digital technology, its uses in the economic realm, limitations, the dangers of illegal activity through blockchain, and how to maximize the positive side of blockchain. Simplifying the definition of blockchain, Daw said that it is a new way to save data in a way that enables anyone to access them easily in case they are authorized. Through blockchain, we can exchange data of the individuals on each network in a general or a private way easily, Daw said. At the same time, it is so secure and allows new chances in business, including the ability to manage business in a modern way as it saves time and effort, he added. He affirmed that Egypt has a suitable technology infrastructure that enables blockchain to be implemented. “The infrastructure in Egypt is in continuous progress.” Daw said such technology will help develop this infrastructure even faster, as the former would exploit the available capabilities in the technological network, which has been developed over the past years. Such technology will help Egypt be in line with other nations including Dubai which is set to fully shift to the blockchain in 2020, and Singapore, which is already working to implement it within two years.