

Joint Statement by the Ministry of Environment of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the United States Environmental Protection Agency on Technical Cooperation in the Field of Environment and Climate Change

SHARM EL SHEIKH, EGYPT -- The Minister of Environment of the Arab Republic of Egypt Dr. Yasmine Fouad met with United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Michael S. Regan on November 10, 2022, during the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties 27 (COP27) hosted by the government of Egypt in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

Minister Fouad and Administrator Regan released the following joint statement, highlighting their commitment to enhance cooperation between their institutions to address environmental issues of mutual interest to the United States and Egypt. These include, among others, climate change mitigation, climate change adaptation, and environmental management.

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We note the serious human health and environmental risks associated with climate change and that we should work jointly to combat the adverse environmental impacts that may occur. We are committed to finding long-term solutions to these issues, and recognize the major public and environmental benefits that can derive from effectively addressing climate change, including through implementation of the Paris Agreement. We also recognize the significance of sustainable development for the protection and enhancement of the environment as well as for the health and wellbeing of present and future generations. Therefore, today, we want to initiate closer cooperation to address these challenges.

We believe that undertaking cooperative activities in the field of environmental protection and sustainable development would be mutually beneficial. Through mutually decided activities, EPA intends to work together with the Ministry of Environment of the Arab Republic of Egypt to strengthen the Ministry's capacity to consider and address climate change mitigation and adaptation through Egypt's laws, policies, and decision-making processes, and to enhance its environmental management framework. Our respective institutions intend to cooperate at the technical level, including through joint seminars, training workshops, and exchange of information and experiences.

We are committed to improving the state of the environment and recognize that our cooperation bilaterally and, where appropriate, on a regional or multilateral basis, is a crucial element to achieve this goal. Cooperation between our two institutions provides an important contribution to the development of sustainable, lasting solutions to protect the environment and address climate change.

Our respective institutions intend to initiate discussions on the above topics as soon as possible, with a view to developing a working plan that may identify specific cooperative activities and modes of engagement.