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## **PRES. MACRON & EGYPTIAN PRES. AL SISSI MET FOR A WORKING LUNCH AT ELYSEE, 22 JULY**

### **DISCUSSED FOOD SAFETY & ENERGY**

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**USPA NEWS** - "The French President Emmanuel Macron received today, Friday 22 July 22, for a working lunch the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Mr. Abdel Fattah Al-Sissi, at Elysee Palace. The Egyptian head of state was welcomed on his arrival by the French president who then accompanied him to the Elysée Palace for a one-on-one on issues of common interest." Source Elysee, French Presidency July 23, so the next day, marks the glorious revolution that crowned the long struggle of the Egyptian people, President Abdel Fattah Al-Sissi said on Saturday in a speech on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the revolution, reports MENA (Source: Egyptian Progress)

### **FRENCH AND EGYPTIAN PRESIDENTS MACRON AND AL SISSI DISCUSSED THE ENERGETIC AND FOOD SAFETY ISSUES AMID THE THE WAR LED BY RUSSIA IN UKRAINE**

July 23, the next day, marks the glorious revolution that crowned the long struggle of the Egyptian people, President Abdel Fattah Al-Sissi said on Saturday in a speech on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the revolution, reports MENA. It is in an unprecedented context of war in Ukraine, since the Russian attack of February 24, 2022, having caused a global chaos in the supply of gas and oil, in the countries of the EU, and the beginnings of a shortage of delivery of cereals, in African countries, and from the Maghreb that the Egyptian President visits European counterparts. Thus, President Abdel Fattah Al-Sissi went to Germany on July 18 to the German Chancellery in Berlin to meet Chancellor Olaf Scholz and on July 22 with President Macron, who was busy receiving HH the Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the same day in Paris and Versailles.

As seaports are blocked, the only way to export products of animal and plant origin to other countries is through EU countries. The statement accused Russia of stealing grain from Ukrainian territory, tampering with certificates and attempting to sell it as their own on international markets. It urged countries to not buy grain from Russia if there was no certainty about its origin. "Such actions would require issuance of illegal phytosanitary certificates. Absence of legitimate certificates could indicate non-compliance of products with current phytosanitary requirements, quality and safety standards, presence of contamination of products by various quarantine pests, be evidence of illegal trade in products and their non-compliance with terms of foreign trade contracts," Ukrainian officials said (Source: Food Safety News) According to FAO, The Russian Federation and Ukraine are prominent players in global trade of food and agricultural products. In 2021, wheat exports by the Russian Federation and Ukraine accounted for about 30 percent of the global market. Russia's global maize export market share is comparatively limited, standing at 3 percent between 2016/17 and 2020/21. Ukraine's maize export share over the same period was more significant, averaging 16 percent and conferring it the spot of the world's 4th largest maize exporter. Combined, sunflower oil exports from both countries represented 78 percent of global supply. The Russian Federation is also a key exporter of fertilizers. In 2021, it ranked as the top exporter of nitrogen fertilizers, the second leading supplier of potassium, and the third largest exporter of phosphorous fertilizer in the world. Nearly 50 countries depend on the Russian Federation and Ukraine for at least 30 percent of their wheat import needs. Of these, 26 countries source over 50 percent of their wheat imports from these two countries. In that context, this war will have multiple implications for global markets and food supplies, representing a challenge for food security for many countries, and especially for low-income food import dependent countries and vulnerable population groups. » (Source FAO, 170th Council of FAO, 13-17 June 2022)

### **PRESIDENTS MACRON AND EGYPTIAN PRES. AL SISSI MET FOR A WORKING LUNCH AT ELYSEE PALACE ON 22 JULY 22 DISCUSSED FOOD SAFETY & ENERGY AMID UKRAINE'S WAR**

This visit was the first meeting of the President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron, with his Egyptian counterpart since his re-election, last April 22. President Abdel Fattah Al-Sissi travels to France on an official visit in response to an invitation from his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron. The two presidents discussed the war led by Russia in Ukraine and the means of coping with the economic and energy consequences as well as the risks which weigh on world food security. As part of their close dialogue on regional crises, they discussed the situation in the Middle East, the Iranian nuclear issue and the fight against terrorism. They also referred to

the situation in Libya by expressing their common will to continue their action in favor of the restoration of the unity and full sovereignty of this country. They agreed to strengthen their coordination on all of these subjects. Heads of State discussed climate issues as Egypt prepares to host COP 27 in Sharm El Sheikh next November. The two presidents took stock of the main issues of bilateral cooperation, which is very dense in all areas. As part of the dialogue of trust between France and Egypt, they also addressed the issue of human rights. » Source Elysee. President Abdel Fattah Al-Sissi also met in Paris with the French Minister of Economy and Finance, Bruno Le Maire, expressing his aspiration to deepen and develop cooperation with France in the economic and commercial fields. , in particular by increasing French investments in Egypt. (Source: Egyptian Progress)

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