

## **UNITED STATES-EGYPT PLAN FOR A STRATEGIC ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP ON TRADE-RELATED AND INVESTMENT ISSUES**

The Government of the United States of America ("United States") and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt ("Egypt"), recognizing the:

Spirit of close friendship and cooperation that characterizes relations between our two countries;

Important role that the private sector and the general public play with regard to trade and investment; and

Benefits of strengthened coordination on bilateral, regional, and multilateral issues of mutual interest, including achieving an ambitious and balanced outcome to the World Trade Organization Doha Development Agenda;

Hereby instruct their respective senior trade officials to develop a work plan for a strategic partnership for cooperation on trade-related and investment issues. The ultimate objective of the partnership is to deepen and broaden trade and investment relations between the United States and Egypt, including through identifying and working to remove impediments to trade and investment between the two countries.

This work will include:

Establishing the terms for operation of the strategic partnership for cooperation on trade-related and investment issues;

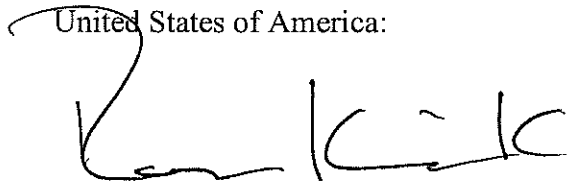
Identifying priority areas for discussion and cooperation, as appropriate. Such areas may include trade facilitation, trade in services, protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights, issues related to agricultural trade, environment, labor, and investment; and

Encouraging more business relations and interaction among the private sectors of both countries, including through a private sector United States-Egypt business leaders forum, and finding ways for the private sector to participate in or otherwise contribute to the strategic partnership on trade-related and investment issues.

Senior trade officials of the United States and Egypt are to report to the United States Trade Representative and the Minister of Trade and Industry of Egypt on the outcome of this work 90 days after signature of this plan.

Signed in Washington, D.C., this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009.

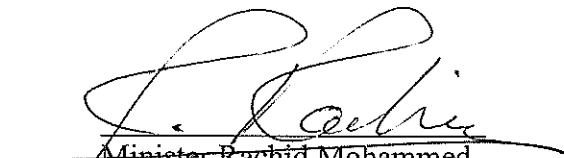
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