



The Battle of Awareness in Fighting Corruption

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The history of the Egyptian state in fighting corruption and its causes extends for long decades in the modern era. This idea crystallized through the July 1952 Revolution. In fact, the sixties of the last century witnessed the establishment and reorganization of many agencies working in the field of combating corruption in all its financial and administrative forms through general and specialized control authorities. The Administrative Control Authority was established in 1964 under Law No. 54 and was granted absolute powers to fight the corruption crimes and prevent corrupt practices through studying and investigating the deficiencies in work and production, including detection of the financial systems defects that hamper orderly functioning of the public bodies as well as proposing the means of avoiding them.



A Brilliant Feat in the History of Egypt

The Egyptian people was on a date with starting a new distinct phase in the history of Egypt on 30 June 2013, which marked the beginning of a new era based on the principles of disclosure, challenge, work and sacrifice. These principles have been established and have grown during the era of President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi since the Egyptian people have chosen him and authorized him to root out the detestable terrorism and to raise the hope for a better future for our beloved country, Egypt.

The Egyptian state has implemented many strategies in various fields, following an objective scientific approach, based on the principles and objectives of upholding the anti-corruption values such as integrity, transparency as well as upholding the public interest value and combating discrimination. This characterized the state agencies approach in combating corrupt practices effectively to realize the deserved status of Egypt in the Arab region, in the African continent and in the international arena. This is even emphasized by the genius of Egypt's geography and deep-rooted history, as one of the oldest civilizations, which allow these integrated ambitious plans to achieve the sustainable development strategy "Egypt's Vision 2030".

Fighting Corruption is a Constitutional Duty

The anti-corruption goals have witnessed a tremendous development during that period, as the commitment to combat corruption has become an applicable constitutional stipulation, to the effect of developing and following up the National Anti-

Corruption Strategy. In fact, the Administrative Control Authority, for its part, participated with various agencies in developing the National Anti-Corruption Strategy in its two versions: 2014-2018 and 2019-2022-, and followed up the implementation of its various objectives. After the first version of the strategy had achieved outstanding success, the launch of the second version faced many challenges, the most prominent of which was the difficulty of measuring progress and achievement through comparing the planned goals with targets. These efforts culminated through the periodic follow-up by His Excellency President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi, who gave directions for publishing the results of the second year, with an implementation rate of 60.59%, which enhanced the values of disclosure and availability. Its results were published on the Authority's website and through various media and were distributed directly to various segments of citizens, during the Authority's participation in the 53rd session of the Cairo International Book Fair held in 2022.

International Cooperation in Fighting Corruption

International cooperation in fighting corruption is of particular importance because the Egyptian state is not isolated from the world during such battle, given the fact that corruption causes various countries to sustain billions of dollars of losses due to absence of the transparency and integrity values. This also affects the creation of opportunities for economic entities and local and foreign investors and leads to lack of justice in providing services to citizens, with the inevitable result in such cases being



achieving low levels of development.

Therefore, the Administrative Control Authority enhanced its own ability to communicate internationally with various countries and specialized international and regional bodies within its vital environment to establish constructive cooperation in this field. It organized the activities of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption in its ninth session (COSP9), held in Sharm El-Sheikh during December 2021. More than 150 states participated in that session, which lasted for five days, through physical or virtual attendance, using the electronic means of communication. Moreover, five presidents participated in the session and gave their speeches, using the remote communication technology, in addition to the relevant ministers and chairpersons of anti-corruption bodies, organizations and associations and various international experts. The efforts of the Authority were crowned on the Egyptian side, with chairing the current session of the Conference for the next two years and issuing the "Sharm El-Sheikh Declaration on strengthening international cooperation in the prevention of and fight against corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery".

In addition, Egypt was elected to assume presidency of the Africa Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities in June 2022 in Burundi, in addition to many other international and regional participations and activities.

The Battle of Awareness for Fighting Corruption

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corruption directly and effectively. In addition, the real and effective battle lies in combating and preventing corruption, which can be achieved through raising public awareness of the corruption dangers and promoting the societal culture of fighting corruption. The role envisioned by the Authority has emerged through the development and implementation of many of the strategy objectives, as well as the continuous efforts made by the Egyptian Anti-Corruption Academy through holding training courses, seminars and events. Those efforts include continuous communication with different groups of citizens such as the youth, women, the differently abled, the state employees from all authorities and representatives of the private sector and civil sector. They also include its primary role in developing the capabilities of the Authority's members and employees, and the members of the various law enforcement agencies.

Launching the Third Anti-Corruption Strategy 2023-2030

Based on the firm belief and determination of the Egyptian state to fight corruption in all its forms, in addition to its clear vision to prevent the risks of corruption from hampering the development efforts, the Administrative Control Authority has developed the National Anti-Corruption Strategy over the course of eight years. As previously indicated, the strategy development came in cooperation with law enforcement agencies, ministries, governorates and universities, along with the private sector and civil society as active members of the National Coordinating Subcommittee for the Prevention and Combating of Corruption. All these parties played their roles to launch and implement the strategy's first and second phases, with the second version of the strategy's implementation having been completed in 2022, with a rate of 86% and a detailed report is to be published to explain the implementation results and achieve transparency. The third phase of the strategy (2023-2030-) was launched with the President's support and sponsorship to coincide with the end of the country's long-term strategic plan through achieving "Egypt's Vision 2030".

In conclusion,

we promise you to continue the process of giving for the sake of our beloved homeland and great people.