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The NEPAD Summit held at Sharm al-Sheikh on 19 April 2005 culminated in agreement between the participating countries to come up with a new Africa Decade that will encompass various political, economic and human principles, particularly the development of education and scientific research processes and maximum utilisation of the information technologies.

Aware of the enormity of this challenge, His Excellency, President Hosni Mubarak announced that Egypt would put its research and scientific base and potentials and all its scientific research and training institutions at the disposal of other sisterly African Countries;

In accordance with the recommendation made by the First African Summit on Scientific Research and Technology, held in Cairo from 13 – 15 December 2004 to establish and African Council for Scientific Research and Technology ;

In implementation of this important recommendation, the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt expresses its desire to host the Council which represents a quantum leap in the Continent's efforts to link scientific research and technology with all other aspects of development. Egypt believes that the Council should be a centre for establishing links between the scientific and research centres in the various African countries in order to strengthen the existing scientific relations among scientific and research centres on the Continent and to fully utilize the huge potentials available for resolving problems in the fields of agriculture, industry, health and the environment as well as establishing links between these centres, institutions and other related bodies outside the Continent.

The Egyptian Ministry of Scientific Research, the National Research Centre and the African Scientific Research Society will henceforth prepare for the implementation of this proposal and for the allocation of suitable headquarters for the Council in Cairo or Alexandria in the vicinity of the Mubarak City for Research and Applied Technologies. This will SHOW that Africa is keen on the development of scientific research and technology, which constitutes a real gateway for the Continent to sustainable development.

To actually put this proposal into effect, Egypt calls for the convening of a meeting of experts to be followed by a meeting of Ministers of Scientific Research to be held during the last quarter of the year.

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