زار أمين عام اتحاد الغرف العربية، الدكتور خالد حنفي، برافعه رئيس غرفة التجارة العربية البرازيلية أوسمار شحفة، وأمين عام الغرفة تامر منصور، رئيس مجلس الوزراء المصري الدكتور مصطفى مدبولي، حيث شهد اللقاء استعراض جوانب العلاقات المتتامية بين البرازيل والدول العربية.

وسلم الوفد رئيس الوزراء دعوة للمشاركة في أعمال المنتدى الاقتصادي العربي البرازيلي المقرر عقده في مدينة سان بولو في الرابع من تموز (يوليو) القادم، برعاية وحضور رئيس جمهورية البرازيل، حيث ستستلم اجتماعات المنتدى هذا العام من استقلالية كمصر.

وأشار الدكتور خالد حنفي إلى أن "الاقتصاد البرازيلي يحتل المرتبة 600 على مستوى العالم، بحجم اقتصاد بلغ حوالي تريليون و400 مليار دولار، وحجم تجارة خارجية يقترب من 206 مليار دولار.

وخلال لقاء، أشاد رئيس الوزراء بالزخم الذي تشهده العلاقات المصرية البرازيلية في الفترة الأخيرة، وذلك لدعم الحكومة لكل الجهود التي تستهدف الارتفاع للعلاقات مع البرازيل إلى مستوى الشراكة الاقتصادية، وتنفيذ المقترحات المتعلقة بالتعاون الاستراتيجي وإنشاء منطقة صناعية برازيلية في مصر. ورحب الدكتور مدبولي بالدعوة الموجهة لمصر للمشاركة في أعمال المنتدى الاقتصادي العربي البرازيلي، مؤكدًا أن "مصر كانت ثالث أكبر شريك تجاري للبرازيل، ولكن بفضل تنامى العلاقات الثنائية خلال الشهور الماضية، تقدمت مصر لتصبح الشريك التجاري الأول للبرازيل بين الدول العربية، بحجم تجارة بقرة من 206 مليار دولار.

وقتيل أمين عام اتحاد الغرف التجارية العربية، إلى أن "البرازيل مستعدة لتكوين بوابة التبادل التجاري في منطقة أمريكا الجنوبية، خاصة مع الاستعدادات المتزايدة في مصر من خلال منطقة صناعية برازيلية، تُصمم فيها المنتجات التي تتفوق بشكلها، البرازيل مثل مكونات السيارات، ومعدات الزراعة وغيرها من الصناعات، وكندا حنفي يلتقي رئيس الوزراء المصري: البرازيل شريك تجاري مهم للعالم العربي ومصر

المصدر: (اتحاد الغرف العربية)
The Secretary-General of the Union of Arab Chambers, Dr. Khaled Hanafi, accompanied by the President of the Arab-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce, Osmar Shehfa, and the Secretary-General of the Chamber, Tamer Mansour, visited the Egyptian Prime Minister Dr. Mostafa Madbouly, during which the meeting witnessed a review of aspects of the growing relations between Brazil and the Arab countries.

The delegation handed the Prime Minister an invitation to participate in the work of the Arab-Brazilian Economic Forum to be held in the city of São Paulo on the fourth of next July, under the auspices and presence of the President of the Republic of Brazil. The forum's meetings this year will coincide with the celebration of the Arab-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce's seventieth anniversary.

Dr. Khaled Hanafi pointed out that "the Brazilian economy ranks seventh in the world, with an economy size of about one trillion and 600 billion dollars, and the volume of foreign trade close to 400 billion dollars." He explained that "Egypt was the third largest trading partner of Brazil in the Arab region, but thanks to the growth of bilateral relations during the past months, Egypt advanced to become the first trading partner of Brazil among Arab countries, with a trade volume of nearly 206 billion dollars."

The Secretary-General of the Union of Arab Chambers of Commerce pointed out that "Brazil is ready to be a starting gateway for Egyptian exports to the South American region, in addition to preparing for the investment presence in Egypt through a Brazilian industrial zone, products in which Brazil excels, such as automotive components, textiles and other industries, are manufactured and exported from Egypt to the rest of the world."

In turn, President of the Arab-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce, Osmar Shehfa, expressed the Chamber's aspiration for Egypt to participate in a delegation headed by the Prime Minister in the Arab-Brazilian Economic Forum. In order to build on the positive results witnessed by bilateral relations since the visit of the Vice President of the Republic of Brazil to Egypt last September. He stressed that we are looking forward to upgrading relations with Egypt from the traditional type of commercial relations, to a multi-dimensional economic partnership.

For his part, the Prime Minister praised the recent momentum in Egyptian-Brazilian relations, stressing the government's support for all efforts aimed at raising relations with Brazil to the level of economic partnership, and implementing important proposals related to investment cooperation and the establishment of a Brazilian industrial zone in Egypt. Madbouly welcomed the invitation addressed to Egypt to participate in the work of the Arab-Brazilian Economic Forum, stressing at the same time the importance of working from now towards reaching specific understandings and agreements before the forum was held.

In this regard, the Prime Minister directed the formation of a working group comprising officials from the General Investment Authority and the Council of Ministers, to communicate with the Arab-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce on cooperation proposals that can be agreed upon during the forum's work.

Source (Union of Arab Chambers)
Egypt Approves a Supplementary Budget to Face the Repercussions of the Ukrainian War

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi has approved an appendix to the budget for the current fiscal year, which will end next June, worth 6 billion pounds (329.5 million dollars). President Sisi signed the supplement law for the current fiscal year, worth 6 billion pounds. This step coincides with the rise in financial costs on the Egyptian government, due to the consequences of the Russian-Ukrainian war, amid increases in the prices of most commodities, mainly fuels of all kinds and grains such as wheat and corn. In June 2021, the Egyptian parliament approved a record general budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, amounting to 2.46 trillion pounds ($158 billion), an increase of 17 percent over the budget of the previous fiscal year. The fiscal year in Egypt begins on the first of July and ends at the end of June of the following year.

Source (Al-Araby Al-Jadeed Newspaper, Edited)
Tunisia's Budget Deficit is Expected to Increase by 10 percent

"The budget deficit will increase to 9.7 percent this year, compared to previous expectations of 6.7 percent, due to the strength of the dollar and the sharp increase in grain prices," Central Bank of Tunisia Governor Marwan Al-Abbasi noted.

Fitch Ratings has estimated the budget deficit will reach 8.5 percent of gross domestic product this year.

Al-Abbasi explained that "Tunisia needs additional budget financing of five billion dinars (1.6 billion dollars) this year, because of the effects of the war in Ukraine, which will raise the financing needs this year to 25 billion dinars ($ 8.2 billion), which increases pressure on the public finances of the country, which is living under the weight of economic and political crises."

The size of the public debt is expected to reach 84 percent of GDP this year, and will continue to rise to reach 84.7 percent in 2023. It is also likely that the current account deficit will widen to about 10 percent of GDP in 2022, compared to 6.8 percent, especially with the dinar depreciating by seven percent against the dollar.

Source (Al-Arab Newspaper of London, Edited)