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The development of Information and communication technologies has a great potential to contribute in sustaining the economic aspect of the countries around the globe. Having numerous boons, the ICT provides an upheaval change in the economic as well as social standards. In today’s modern times, initiatives towards developing such technologies have shown the capability to increase occupational possibilities as well as revolutionize many sectors like education and health.

In the flourishing MENA region, Egypt leads as one of the fastest growing countries in the ICT sector. The nation like other member states, sees great potential in such apparatus in the near future.

The Arab Republic of Egypt strives to achieve the sustained digital economy through the use of ICT tools to provide prosperity, freedom and social equity for all. The nation’s mission is to enable the development of a competitive and innovative national ICT industry and a strong digital economy relying on equitable and affordable access to knowledge.

According to the Egyptian ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT), since 2003 the government has been speculating in the Egyptian Information Society Initiative (EISI) while since 2006 the nation has implemented regulatory procedures to attract foreign investors.

The stance of the nation can further be justified by its by the 24 year long going Cairo ICT Trade Fair which has brought together numerous companies towards the revolutionizing Information and Communication Technology.

The Arab Republic of Egypt has also signed and ratified numerous International Treaties, Conventions and Agreements regarding ICT. These include the Information Technology Agreement of the WTO, resolution 73/27 and Resolution 73/266 of UN and many more.

The Egyptian government in the future deems to modernize their initiatives, improve the tele-communicational and e-financial infrastructure and databases while increasing its capital funds for the sector.

As the proposed steps to take, the nation suggests modelling agreements among countries ensuring and safekeeping the investments among member states, forging a platform for e-financing within the UN, focusing on implementations of such apparatus in under-developed and developing member states.

The Government of Egypt at last, hopes and believes that the upcoming session would be the most productive if the house moves in favour of constructive deliberation and debate upon the true essence of Information and communication technology and its evolving nature in economics, all while demonstrating cohesion, cooperation and understanding between all member states.