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Election to fill a vacancy on the Legal and Technical Commission in accordance with part XI, section 4, subsection C, article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Council of the International Seabed Authority is invited to note that Mahmoud Samy (Egypt), member of the Legal and Technical Commission, has resigned. Mr. Samy had been elected a member of the Commission on 22 July 2016 (see ISBA/22/C/29) for a term of five years beginning 1 January 2017.
2. In accordance with article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and rule 80, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the Council, in the event of the death, incapacity or resignation of a member of the Commission prior to the expiration of his or her term of office, the Council shall elect for the remainder of the term a member from the same geographical region or area of interest.
3. Article 163, paragraph 3, of the Convention and rule 81 of the rules of procedure of the Council provide that members of the Commission shall have appropriate qualifications in the area of competence of the Commission and that States parties shall nominate candidates of the highest standards of competence and integrity with qualifications in the relevant fields so as to ensure the effective exercise of the functions of the Commission.
4. By a note verbale dated 20 October 2017, the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations informed the secretariat of the Authority of the nomination of Ahmed Farouk, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs for International Legal Affairs and Treaties, as a candidate to fill the vacant seat on the Commission resulting from the resignation of Mr. Samy. The curriculum vitae of Mr. Farouk is contained in the annex to the present note.



Annex

Curriculum vitae*

Ahmed Farouk

Background summary

A career diplomat with more than 30 years of experience with the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Being a member of the diplomatic force, has a wide range of experience and knowledge with international diplomatic community, including several positions as head-of-missions.

Vast knowledge on international legal affairs as members of delegations focusing countering piracy, economic summits, and peace process talks.

Professional experience

Current Position: October 2017–Present

Assistant Foreign Minister for International Legal Affairs and Treaties, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cairo, Egypt

Past experience

- 2013–2017 Consul General of the Arab Republic of Egypt in New York
- 2012–2013 Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for Inspection
- 2011–2012 Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for International Legal Affairs
Chairman of the UN Working Group 4 to Countering Piracy off the coast of Somalia
- 2007–2011 Ambassador of Egypt to the Republic of Slovenia
- 2004–2007 Minister Plenipotentiary and Deputy Assistant
Foreign Minister for International Legal Affairs
- 2000–2004 Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission (Head of Political Section)
Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Tokyo
- 1998–2000 Director in charge of International Legal Affairs and International
Treaties Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Head of Legal Committee for International Civil Aviation Law (Montreal 1998)
 - Member of Egyptian Delegation Montreal Civil Aviation Treaty (Montreal 1999)
 - Member of Egyptian Delegation Mobile Equipment Legal Framework Treaty (Rome 1999)
 - Head of Egyptian Delegation in Avoiding Double Taxation Treaties with G15 Countries (Sri Lanka 2000)
- 1994–1998 First Secretary, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Jordan

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

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- Member of Egyptian Delegation, Amman Economic Summit (MENA)
 - 1993–1994 Member of Egyptian Delegation (Gaza and Jericho Agreement), Peace Process in the Middle East (Taba, Egypt 1994)
 - 1992–1993 Second Secretary, Office of the Assistant Minister for Legal Affairs
 - 1988–1992 Third Secretary, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Holy See
 - 1986–1988 Attaché, Protocol Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - 1985–1986 Institute of Diplomatic Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Profile

- In depth knowledge of Middle East region
- Analysis of the history, formation and strategy of Terrorism
- Analytical and political research
- Well versed in the field of public diplomacy
- Excellent skills and experience with Public Speaking
- Excellent skills in Crisis Management and Negotiation Skills
- Fluent in Arabic and English (spoken and written)
- Fluent in French and Italian and conversational Japanese

Education

- M.A. in International Law (Amend of Treaties) Cairo University, 1996
- Institute of Diplomatic Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cairo, Egypt, 1985–1986
- License of Law, Cairo University, 1986
- B.A., Management, Helwan University, 1984

Skills

- Strong Leadership
- Crises Management
- Multicultural communication skills
- High Negotiation Skills
- Team Player
- People empowerment and motivation
- Maintains effective professional relationships
- Capitalize on contacts to achieve results
- Facilitating solutions
- Pro-actively adapts to changes

Awards and decorations

- 1986 Certificate of Merit
U.S. Department of State
Organizing Former President Jimmy Carter's Visit to Egypt
- 1992 Decoration: Order St. Gregory the Great
Holy See, Vatican
Pope John Paul the Second
- 2010 Guest Star Award for Diplomacy
Slovenia Times
- 2017 Saint Vincent DePaul Medal Award
College of Mount Saint Vincent, New York City

Speaking engagements

- Various events with Egyptian-American groups in New York and New Jersey such as the Egyptian American Medical Society, Egyptian American Medication Association, Egyptian American Professional Society, EIHAB Foundation, Islamic Societies and Coptic Church events.
- November 2014: Guest Speaker, New York City Bar Association's Committee on Middle Eastern and North African Affairs
- June 2015: Speaker and Panellist, C3 US-Arab Healthcare Summit, New York City
- October 2015: Opening Remarks, Lecture with Dr. Zahi Hawass, New York City
- October 2015: Panellist, New York City Bar Association's program titled "*MENA Capital Markets as a "Smart" Investment Opportunity*", C3 US-Arab Business Summit, Union League Club, New York City
- January 2016: Guest Speaker, Gertrude and Morrison Parker Westside Republican Club, New York City
- February 2016: Panellist, New York City Bar Association's program titled "ISIS and Islam"
- April 2016: Speaker and Panellist, Schiller Institute, New York City
- May 2016: Guest Speaker, The Women's National Republican Club, Inc., New York City
- May 2016: Main Speaker, "*The History, Ideology and Strategy of the Radical Movements in the Middle East*", London Center for Policy Research, New York City
- September 2016: Expert panellist, Night Owl Session "*Ordinary Radicals: in search for a meaningful response*", BLED Strategic Forum, Slovenia
- September 2016: Main speaker, presentation titled "*The History, Ideology and Strategy of the Radical Movements in the Middle East*," Paramount Perspective Speaker Series, College of Mount Saint Vincent, New York City
- January 2017: Speaker, New York City Bar Association's program titled "*US-Egypt Relations: The Way Forward*", New York City
- April 2017: Main speaker, presentation titled "*Radicalism in the Middle East: Perspectives from Egypt*", Columbia University, New York City

- April 2017: Key note speaker, Egyptian American Medical Society, University Club, New York City
- November 2017: Main speaker, “The Sir Michael Weir Lecture,” The British Egyptian Society, London, United Kingdom

Personal data

- Date of birth: January 3, 1963
 - Marital Status : Married, 2 Children
 - Nationality: Egyptian
 - Mother tongue: Arabic
 - Other languages: English, French, Italian, working knowledge of Japanese
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