

Achievements of the Arab Federation of Chambers of

Shipping

September 2007 - October 2008

Basic information of the Federation: --

- Arab Federation of Chambers of shipping was founded on July 24, 2002 in Alexandria in the presence of Professor Dr. / Ahmed elGeweily Secretary General of the Council of Arab Economic Unity.

And the permanent headquarters of the Federation is situated in Alexandria, Egypt.

- The Arab Federation of Chambers of Shipping (AFCS) joined the other Arab Operating federations working under the auspice pursuant to the Arab Council resolution No. 1201 / d 76 on 18/12/2002.

- * The chairman of the Board of Directors of Federation is Rear Admiral / Mahmoud Hatem Al-Kady (Egypt)

- *First Deputy, Mr. / Emile Elie Zakhour (Lebanon)

- *Second Deputy Captain / Mohamed Aldlabih (Jordan)

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First: Achievements of the Federation

1 - The Periodic meetings

A – The 6th ordinary general assembly meeting.

- The Federation held the sixth meeting of the ordinary General Assembly in March 27, 2008 in Alexandria, where 15 board of directors members of the federation were represents the operating members of ten Arab countries in addition to 6 complementary members, as well as confirming the continuation of the Office of the Comptroller Mustafa Shawki accounting to monitor accounts of the Federation for 2008.

B – Board of Directors (B.O.D)

- AFCS held its tenth and eleventh (B.O.D) meetings on March 27, 2008 in Alexandria, where the budget for the year 2007 was adopted and the budget for 2008 was approved, also the main Plan of Action of year 2008 was ratified in the same meeting,

A Panel discussion to discuss the establishment of an Arab company for multimodal transport was also held.

During the Eleventh Meeting Rear Admiral / Mahmoud Hatem al-Kady was elected from Egypt as a Chairman of the Federation and Messrs. /

Elie Emile Zakhour from Lebanon as first deputy, Captain Mohammed Aldlabih from Jordan as the 2nd Deputy and adopted Rear Admiral / Mohamed Mohsen elMasry as general-secretary of the Federation of The period 2008-2012.

Resolutions and recommendations of these two meetings had been sent to the members of the Board of Directors and all members of the Federation, the Arab Economic Unity Council, the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States, all participants in these meetings and the Arab Maritime Transport.

2 - Participation of the Federation in the Arab and international meetings:

- *on September 9, 2007* the Federation's First Deputy Mr. Elie Emile Zakhour and Rear Admiral / Mohsen elMasry General Secretary of Federation, in the second meeting of the Arab Committee to activate the performance of maritime transport which was held in the Arab Academy for Science and Technology.

- *on October 24, 2007* the Chairman and General Secretary of the Federation attended the meeting (No. 20) of the Council of Arab Ministers of Transport which was held in the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States.

- *On October 31, 2007* the Chairman and General Secretary attended

meeting (No. 34) of the Specialized Typical Arab Federations that was held in Cairo.

- **On November 6, 2007** the Chairman and General Secretary of the Federation participated in the meetings of the Arab sea ports Federation, which were held in Alexandria.

- **On November 15, 2007** and first deputy represented the federation in the international conference (Motor ways of the sea), held in Beirut.

- **on November 28, 2007** Chairman of the federation speech a lecture about

"Egyptian Maritime Trade & Transport" in the

"3rd Trans Middle East 2007 Egypt" conference, held in Cairo.

- **On December 6, 2007** the Chairman and General Secretary of the Federation attended meeting (No. 86) for the Arab Economic Unity Council in Cairo.

- **on February 25-28, 2008** the professor / Amr Gamal Eddin Rushdie member of the federation representing it in regular meeting of the Transport Committee of ESCWA in Beirut.

- **on May 6, 2008** the Chairman of the Federation attended the Trade Development Mechanism meeting in the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Council of Arab Economic Unity.

- **on May 27, 2008** the General Secretary of the Federation attended the 4th expanded conference of Arab Specialized Federation held in Cairo

about the clean and renewable energy.

- *On May 29, 2008* the Chairman and General Secretary of the Federation attended meeting (35) of the specialized Arab Federations held in Cairo.

- *On 5 June 2008* the Chairman and General Secretary of attended the meeting (No. 87) of the Arab Economic Unity Council held in Alexandria.

- *On July 13, 2008* the General Secretary of the Federation attended the ninth meeting of the Technical Committee for Maritime Transport held in the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States.

- *on July 17, 2008* the presence of Mr. / Abdel-Nabi bin Said, a member of the Board of Directors of Federation (Tunisia) attended the Euro –Med meeting for "Motor ways of the sea", held in Belgium.

- *On July 31, 2008* the participation of the General Secretary in the first meeting of the general assembly of the Arab Federation for Progress cargo and logistics in Alexandria.

3 - Production and media research (studies and reports)

- AFCS has provided studies and researches to its members, either those provided by specialists in maritime transport in the Arab world or extracted from the global patrols and websites on maritime transport through publishing them in the monthly electronic newsletter of the Federation and in the Federation's website on the Internet.

- The Federation developed its Web site to meet the demands of its members,

It would be noted that the number of visitors has increased significantly, up to 180 thousand visitors since its establishment.

- The federation published studies and research to its members which was provided from the Transport systems in the Arab world .

- Participation in conferences and symposiums held in the Arab world by presenting research work papers (referred to in the preceding item).

- Links of researches and studies are located in the website,

The federation started to establish a library in the headquarters of the general secretariat, comprising a number of studies and references that members can refer to them when needed.

4 - Training and human resource development

AFCS in cooperation with the Organization of BIMCO held a training course for members and staff in the field of maritime transport in Alexandria from 25-27 March 2008 on the theme of " Agency" participants were informed the latest ways and means Of maritime transport industry in the world, which is in the following topics:

- The definition of agent and agency and relations with different parties.
- Types of agency and how to set up agency.

- Relations with the various authorities.
- Legal obligations to the agent.
- International standards for crew agents.
- The documents used.
- Practical application in the form of "Case studies" and participants after the end of this session the participants had granted the Diploma certificate from the organization.

This has made the session to integrate with the previous two sessions organized by the Federation with the same organization on important topics in maritime transport.

} *first* session was held in Sharm el-Sheikh from 21-22 March 2006 and discussed maritime law and the problems and difficulties of its application

"Shipping Law From Alpha to Omega " as discussed in the following topics:

- How to increase capital and borrowing from banks.
- What are the procedures required for operating of the ship (Tomben - Department - registration - the establishment of a company).
- Different methods of contracting for the shipment of goods.
- Methods of insurance on the ship and cargo.
- Reviewing of some of the difficulties and incidents which occurred ships and devising the necessary measures to overcome them.

second session and was held in Alexandria 27-29 March 2007 on the subject of "Bills of Lading" and discussed:

- The definition of who are involved in bills of lading and the role of each of them.
- Types of bills of lading and documents.
- How the shipment of goods for more than one client.
- Practice" Case studies"

Participants at the end of this session were granted Diploma certificate from the organization.

And Federation plans to hold another round during March 2009 theme and venue, timing will be determined later.

5 - Holding conferences, seminars and workshops

AFCS held during a panel discussion on "activating the recommendations of the 2nd expanded Conference," and particularly with regard to recommendations for multimodal transport, recommendations and observations were raised to the concerned authorities.

6 - Expanding Federation's membership base

The General Secretariat of the Federation and members of the Board of directors always invite the largest number of chambers of shipping and

shipping companies in the Arab countries to participate in the membership of the Federation throughout the year.

Despite the apology of number of operating members and five affiliated members of the Syrian Arab Republic to continue membership in the Federation because of the foundation of the Syrian Chamber of Shipping and suspending the membership of Sudan's chamber of shipping until the new elections of the Chamber occurs. number of members of the federation had reached during 2008 (28 operating members) of different Arab chambers of shipping and shipping companies and (23 affiliated members) of a total 51 Arab countries (Syria - Lebanon - Jordan - Kuwait - Saudi Arabia - Yemen - Egypt - Libya - Tunisia - Sudan)

Second: The Federation's relationship with the State Headquarters:

- Federation constantly coordinates with most of the maritime transport systems in the Arab Republic of Egypt as the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime , Egyptian Transport Sector, centers ,institutes, scientific research bodies and the Egyptian ports as well as the participation and coordination with the Arab federation of transport the Arab Republic of Egypt , business associations and the Chamber of Commerce in Alexandria, either by attending or participating in conferences and seminars held by them also they were invited to

participate in the periodic meetings of the Federation held in Cairo and Alexandria.

- Federation follows with the General Secretariat of the Council of Arab Economic Unity the steps of signing the Agreement between the headquarters of the Egyptian Foreign Ministry and the Arab Specialized Federations, which is in the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Third: Federation's promotions to the products of its members :

- The Federation is working on providing help to its members by providing data and statistics and shipping regulations and norms applicable both in the Arab world or internationally , and the latest researches and studies in this scope and the location of the website links was allocated on the Internet in this regard and it's continuously updated to promote the activities of members to clarify details of their activities and ways to contact them.

- Federation has signed a scientific cooperation protocol with the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport for granting facilities to our members and their families in the sessions or studies to be held in the academy.

- Federation has prepared a code of cooperation between The Federation's members.

IV: The Arab and international trade sector and the contribution of the

Federation:

- The Federation participated to support Arab trade through the working papers and recommendations in meetings or conferences and seminars also it has participated in Arab and international meetings of Arab Ministers of Transport and commissions arising from it.

- The Chairman of the Federation visited the city of Baku, capital of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the period from 30/8/2007 to 7/9/2007 was during the signing of a cooperation agreement in the field of maritime transport between the Arab Federation of Chambers of shipping and maritime transport sector and the Republic of Azerbaijan, which represents the activity of the chamber of shipping in this country and the agreement included many scopes of cooperation between the Federation's countries and shipping companies in the Republic of Azerbaijan and further cooperation in the field of training and employment potential of marine drawing the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport.

- promoting trade by linking the websites of the World Trade Organization and the location of the memorandum of understanding for the World Maritime Organization (IMO) and the web site of the portal for e-commerce information and the Arab Organization of the ESCWA Web site and notify the Federation's members to enter these sites directly

to facilitate the possibility of dealing with it Through the Federation and to view the latest statistics and findings on trade and the Arab world in all fields, especially maritime transport sector.