

**The report of the achievements of the Arab Federation  
of Chambers of Shipping  
For the period September 2008 - October 2009**

**Basic information about the Federation:-**

\* On July 24, 2002 the Arab Federation of Chambers of Shipping has been founded in Alexandria in presence of Professor Dr/Ahmed Gouili General- Secretary of the Council of Arab Economic Unity. And is the permanent headquarters of the Federation in Alexandria, Arab Republic of Egypt.

\* The Arab Federation of Chambers of Shipping has been joined to the Arab Federations working under the umbrella of the Council by resolution No. 1201/d76on 18/12/2002

Admiral / Mahmoud Hatem El Kady (Egypt) Leading the •  
Board of Directors of the Federation

Mr/Eli Emile Zakhour (Lebanon) is the first Vice-chairman of  
the Federation

Captain/Mohamed Dalabih (Jordan) is the second Vice-  
chairman of the Federation.

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**\* First: the achievements of the Federation.**

**1 - in the field of regular meetings**

**A – General Assembly meetings ( G.A.M).**

-The regular seventh GAM has been planned to be held at the end of 2009.

**B -Board of directors (B.O.D) Meetings.**

\* The Federation held the 12<sup>th</sup> (B.O.D) meeting in Beirut on November 5, 2008 under the auspices of His Excellency / Ghazi Aridi, Minister of Public Works and Transport of Lebanon in presence of a large number of specialists in maritime industry, of Arab States and the State of Azerbaijan.

The most prominent issues that were discussed are:-

- Adoption of the code of ethics and cooperation between members of the Federation.
- Approving the budget of the Federation for the year 2009.
- Adopt the main action plan of the Federation for 2009 and approve the holding of a workshop looking at "the difficulties and problems facing the Arab Maritime Transport" in conjunction with the next meeting of the Council.
- Agree to take positive steps to establish regional offices of the Federation in both Tunisia and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

• On May 18, 2009 the Fed. Held the 13th (B.O.D) in Alexandria.

And of the most prominent issues that were discussed are:-

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-The Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Federation and the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport and cooperation protocols with the colleges affiliated to the Academy also the (B.O.D) agreed that the Academy will be an observer member of the Fed.

- Approval of the memorandum of the Secretariat General of the Federation on the proposal of the development performance of the Federation, which included the following topics:

- Expansion in the signing of memorandum of understanding and cooperation protocols with the organs and institutions working in the field of maritime transport and services.

- The importance of electronic connectivity between members of the Fed's Websites.

- Expansion of training courses, in cooperation with global or regional expertise.

- Examine the possibility of establishing a prize for the best research or study scrotal serve Arab Maritime Transport Industry.

- Invite relevant organizations and global and regional bodies to leverage their expertise in conferences and seminars organized by the Federation.

- **Establishment** of exhibitions and conferences in conjunction with the periodic meetings of the Federation.

- Establishment of regional offices of the Federation in **East and West Arab countries.**

- The formation of the Fed Training Committee as well as the

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Fed Committee of Wise Men for the Application of code of ethnic of the Federation.

\*This has been coincided with the 13<sup>th</sup> (B.O.D) Meeting of Federation with the holding of the second workshop of the Federation, which will refer to them in detail in the fifth item of this report.

**2- In the filed of participation in the Arab and international meetings:**

-on November 12, 2008 Engineer / Waseem El Hossamy Board Member of the Federation attend the meeting of ESCWA Organization, held in Damascus.

-on November 19, 2008 Mr / Eli Emile Zakhour First Vice-chairman of the Federation attend meeting No. 36 of the Arab Specialized Federations, held in Beirut.

- On December 3rd, 2008 the General -secretary attend the 88 regular meeting of the Council of Arab Economic Unity, in Cairo.

-on Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the Fed. Chairman. Attend the Extraordinary Meeting of the Arab Specialized Federations in Cairo with the submission of a paper on the Federation's proposal to counter the global financial crisis.

- on January 18th, 2009 in Kuwait the Fed. Chairman attend the Forum of the private sector and civil society held on the sidelines of the Arab Economic Summit

- On February 24th, 2009 the Fed Chairman and General - Secretary of the Federation attend meeting of the Technical

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Committee for Maritime Transport, General Secretariat of the League of Arab States.

- On April 1st, 2009 Mr / Eli Emile Zakhour First Deputy attend the tenth meeting session of ESCWA Organization in Beirut.

- on 18th April 2009 the Fed chairman participate with a research paper in the Third International Conference of the Maritime and Commercial Law, held in Alexandria.

- On May 13th, 2009 the Fed. Chairman attends the Meeting of the mechanism of the development of the Arab trade held in the General Secretariat of the Council of Arab Economic Unity.

- On June 4th, 2009 the General- Secretary of the Fed attends the regular meeting 89 of the Council of Arab Economic Unity.

- On June 24th, 2009 the General- Secretary attends the coordination meeting in the Arab Academy of Science, Technology and Maritime Transport to activate the resolutions of the Arab Economic Summit.

- On July 5th, 2009 the Fed. Chairman attends the Joint Meeting of the Technical Committee for Land Transport and Technical Committee for Maritime Transport, the Secretariat of the League of Arab States to implement the resolutions of Arab Economic Summit for transportation.

- On July 7th, 2009 the General- Secretary attends the meeting of Technical Committee for Maritime Transport held in, General Secretariat of the League of Arab States.

### [3 - In the filed of researches and Media \(Studies and reports\).](#)

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- The Federation issue monthly e-Newsletter including studies and researches to it's Members and that provided by specialists in maritime transport in the Arab world, or extracted from periodicals and websites on Maritime Transport.

For example, Federation made during the period the following studies and reports: -

- Study on (Arab maritime trade & transport logistic) was presented by Rear Admiral / Hatem El Kady, presiding during the 13 (B.O.D) meeting held in Beirut on 5/11/2008.
- Study on the (Motor Ways of the Sea) was introduced by Mr. / bin Saeed Abdel-Nabi, Member of the Board of Directors of Federation from Tunis in the (B.O.D) meeting held in Beirut on 5/11/2008.
- Lecture on the container terminal in Beirut port presented by MR / Eli Emile Zakhour First Deputy of the Federation in the 13 (B.O.D) meeting held in Beirut on 5/11/2008.
- A Research paper submitted by the Federation on December 20th, 2008 at the extraordinary meeting of the specialist Arab Federations about the Arab Federation of Chambers of Shipping point of view on the development of Arab Maritime Transport during the global economic crisis.
- Working Paper submitted by the Admiral / Elkady chairman of Fed. Concerning the development of maritime transport and Arab intra-trade has been displayed in the forum of the private sector and civil society (transport sector), held in Kuwait January 18th, 2009 on the sidelines of the Arab Economic Summit in Kuwait.
- A research paper about problems of maritime transport in Syria,

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prepared on March 14, 2009, by Engineer / Wassem El Hossamy member of the ( B.O.D) of Syria.

- A paper presented by the Fed to the International Maritime Law Conference, held in Alexandria 18-19 April 2009 and prepared by Admiral / Mahmoud Hatem El kady chairman of the Federation.
- A research paper presented by the Federation on April 27, 2009 about the liberalization of coastal shipping between the Arab countries were submitted to the Technical Commission for Maritime Transport of the Council of Arab Ministers of Transport, which, in turn, converted to the Committee on activating the Arab summit resolutions economic development.
- A research paper about the bilateral trade between Arab ports prepared by the professor / Fouad El Mullah Fed member and has been circulated to members of the Federation.
- A study on piracy and its impact on the Arab Maritime Transport prepared by Admiral / Hatem El kady and were circulated to the members of the Federation.
- The General Secretariat of the Federation establishment an electronic library as well as documentary library include a number of studies and references which members can refer to them when they needed.

#### 4 - In the field of training and human resource development

**A** - The Federation held in cooperation with Bimco Organization training courses for members and staff in Alexandria from 25-27 March 2008 on the theme of "Agency", which met with great success and was informed of and participants of the latest methods and means of maritime transport industry in the world which is related to the following topics:

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- The definition of agent and agency and relations with different parties.
- Types of agency and how to set up an agency.
- Relations with the various authorities.
- The legal obligations of an agent.
- International standards for agents.
- The documents used.

- Practical application in the form of "Case studies" and has given the participants after the end of this session Diploma certificate from the organization.

This has made this session to integrate with the previous two sessions organized by the Federation with the same organization of topics of great importance to maritime transport, which are: -

\* The first session which was held in Sharm El-Sheikh, 21-22 March 2006, discussed the "maritime laws and problems and difficulties in their application"

Shipping Law From Alpha to Omega """, which discussed the following topics:

- How to increase the capital and borrowing from banks.
- What are the procedures required to operate the ship (insurance - Management - Registration – establish company).
- Different methods of contracting for the shipment of goods.
- Methods of insurance for the ship and cargo.
- Explain of some difficulties and accidents that had occurred to ships and devising the necessary measures to overcome them.

\* The second session and was held in Alexandria, 27-29 March 2007, about the "Bills of Lading" which looked at:

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- The definition of who are participants in the bills of lading and the role of each of them.
  - Types of bills of lading, and documents.
  - How to charge the goods to more than a client.
  - Practical applications "Case studies"
- He gave the participants at the end of this session Diploma certificate from the organization.

And Federation plans to hold another course with the same organization on March 2010 the subject and timing and venue will be determined later.

- Regarding to inform the members on the possibilities of scientific institutes the Federation has organized a visit for members of the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport on May 20, 2009 to identify its potential and training courses can be held by.

c - The ( B.O.D) at its thirteenth meeting in Beirut on the upgrading of training for workers in the field of maritime transport for the formation of the Arab Federation and the training committee that will develop an integrated plan to upgrade the training of human resources development the start from 2010.

### 5 - in the field of conferences, seminars and workshops

Federation held the Fed's second workshop which deal with "the difficulties and problems facing the Arab Maritime Transport Industry and its proposals for solve it and under the auspices of HE Prof. Dr. / Ahmed El Gewely General- Secretary of the Council of Arab Economic Unity, and His Excellency Major General / Adel Labib Governor of Alexandria held in Hilton Green Plaza - Alexandria on 19 May 2009.

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Participants in the workshop, a distinguished group of former Ministers - Dr / Ahmed ElDarch - Dr. / Ahmed AlGewely - Dr / Essam Sharaf - Dr. / Sultan Abu Ali, and professors from universities and Arab maritime transport experts in the Arab Republic of Egypt and from the Arab Academy for Maritime Transport and International Transport Services Division Egyptian (EIFFA) as well as to the members of the Arab Federation in addition to participants from ministries of transport, trade and economy, banks and ports, the Arab companies working in the field of maritime transport and services.  
And this workshop has been divided into the following panel discussions: -

- The first panel discussed the theme of "the difficulties of legal problems facing the Arab maritime transport sector."
- The second panel discussed the theme of "problems and difficulties faced by carriers and threats of maritime piracy area at Bab el Mandeb strait and its effect on bilateral trade."
- The third panel discussion, and discussed the theme of "liberalization of coastal shipping between the Arab countries (Cabot age)".
- The fourth, panel discussed the theme of "problems and difficulties faced by the port community system in Arab ports.
- The Fifth panel discussed the theme of "problems of economic difficulties faced by Arab maritime transport sector and the most appropriate solution under the conditions of the global financial crisis."

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The recommendations had been sent to each of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States - Executive Office of the Council of Arab Ministers of Transport and the General Secretariat of the Council of Arab Economic Unity, and maritime organizations such as ESCWA, the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport, and all those involved in the Maritime sector in the Arab world.

The Technical Committee for Maritime Transport and of the Council of Arab Transport Ministers agreed to refer these recommendations to the Special Committee to activate the resolutions of the Arab Economic Summit in the field of maritime transport.

#### **6 - In the field of expanding its membership base**

- The General Secretariat of the Federation and members of the Board of Directors of Federation do they best during conferences and meetings for the largest number of both chambers of shipping and shipping companies or their counterparts in the Arab countries to join the Fed.

The number of Federation members is 48 members including a number 26 an active member of the 22 affiliated members. Of the Arab countries (Syria - Lebanon - Jordan - Kuwait - Saudi Arabia - Yemen - Egypt - Sudan - Libya - Tunisia).

- The adoption of the Fed code ethnic conduct and cooperation between the Fed members as well as to form committee wise members of the Fed to settle the problems between members of the Federation.

#### **Second: The relationship of the EU State Headquarters:**

- The Federation is constantly in coordination with most maritime associations in the Arab Republic of Egypt, such as the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport, Sector and the institutes of scientific research centers and Egyptian ports as well as the participation and coordination with the Arab

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federation of other maritime as well as business associations and the Chamber of Commerce in Alexandria, both attend or participate in conferences and seminars held by Fed which held in Cairo and Alexandria.

- Federation is following up with the Secretariat of the Council of Arab Economic Unity steps for the signing of the Headquarters Agreement between the Egyptian Foreign Ministry and the specialized Arab Unions, which its headquarters are based in the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Third: The Fed's contribution in promoting the products of its members and introduce them to markets and provide support to them:

- Federation is working since it was founded to provide auxiliary and support to members and introduce them to regional and global markets by providing them with data, statistics, regulations and norms applicable to navigation, both in the Arab world and globally, and well as the latest research and studies in this area and have been allocated the website in this regard with further constantly updated as well as to promote the activities of the members to clarify details of their activities and the ways to contact them.

- It was during the period that the Fed implementation of the following activities: -

- Calling on the Fed members to participate with the Chamber of Commerce in the Arab-Greek Economic Forum II, held in Athens, Greece on 20/11/2008.

- The Fed members visited Beirut port on 6/11/2008 as well as visited port of Alexandria on 20/5/2009 to learn the latest systems applied in these ports.

- Fed members invited by the Turkish Commercial Counselor to attend trade talks in Alexandria and Cairo.

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IV: The reality of Arab and the global trade and the contribution of the Federation in it:-

- The Federation participated in this period to support the Arab trade through out a working papers and recommendations made in meetings or conferences and seminars had been held during the period such as: -

-A Working paper submitted by the Fed during the private sector and civil society forum (transport sector), held on the sidelines of the Arab Economic Summit in Kuwait in January 18, 2009.

This had been organized by the Council of Arab Transport Ministers to appoint the Union to be among the members of the committee formed to implement the resolutions of Arab Economic Summit in Kuwait.

- Federation has sent a claim to the General Secretary of the Council of Arab Economic Unity for the development of building industry and ship repair in the Arab world to be sent to the World Organization of UNIDO.

And in the development of Arab trade field, the Fed invites the officials of the Maritime Transport Sector, the State of Azerbaijan to attend and participate in the second workshop of the Federation, held in Alexandria in May 19, 2009.

As well as the participation in the meetings of the Council of Arab Ministers of Transport and committees emanating from it.

- To encourage the movement of Arab trade and to provide information and data and statistics of Arab and international trade by linking the websites of the World Trade Organization and location of the Memorandum of Understanding for the IMO (IMO) and the portal of the Arab trade information and site location of the European Organization for ESCWA on the Internet.

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- Fifth: - the Fed's contribution in defending Arab interests: -
- The Federation during the period supports the Palestinian in the Gaza Strip in the facing Israeli aggression against them through and the following measures: -
  - Federation's contribution of 10 thousand pounds in the account by the Secretariat of the Council of Arab Economic Unity slot to support the Palestinian people in Gaza.
  - Send messages international maritime organizations to trap and denounce Fed measures taken by Israel to arrest the Lebanese ship "brothers" to the Palestinian people.

The fed received a letter of appreciation from Mr. / Secretary General of the League of Arab States for this procedure.

VI: - problems and difficulties facing the Fed: -  
Not legalize the status of the permanent headquarters of the Fed in Alexandria, Arab Republic of Egypt until now.

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