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## ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE LEGAL AND TECHNICAL COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION C, ARTICLE 163, PARAGRAPH 7, OF PART XI OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

### Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Council is invited to note that Mr. Wagui Hanafi (Egypt), member of the Legal and Technical Commission ("the Commission"), resigned from the Commission on 10 April 2000. Mr. Hanafi was elected as a member of the Commission on 15 August 1996 for a term of five years (ISBA/C/L.3, par. 7).
2. In accordance with article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea ("the Convention") and rule 80, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the International Seabed Authority, in the event of death, incapacity or resignation of a member of the Commission prior to the expiration of the 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 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 28 June 2000 from the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations, the Government of Egypt informed the Secretariat of the Authority of the nomination of Dr. Mohammed M. Gomaa, Legal Adviser of that Permanent Mission, as candidate for the election to fill the vacant seat on the Commission. The Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Gomaa appears in the annex to the present document.<sup>1</sup>

Curriculum-Vitae  
**Mohammed M.GOMAA**

-Counselor, Legal Advisor of the Mission of Egypt to the UN, New York.

***Personal***

***National:*** Egyptian

***Date of birth:*** 7 April, 1959 (age 41).

***Languages:*** English and French (working languages); Arabic (mother tongue).

***Civil status:*** Married; father of two children.

***Academic Qualifications***

- Ph.D. in International Law, Geneva University (IUHEI).

- *D.E.S. (Diplome d'Etudes Superieures - LL.M.)* in International Law, Geneva University (IUHEI).

- *Licence en Droit (LL.B.)*, Faculty of Law, Cairo University.

- B.A. in Commerce, Faculty of Commerce, Cairo University.

***Employment record and positions***

- Counselor, Legal Adviser of the Mission of Egypt to the United Nations and delegate to the Sixth Committee, since 1998.

- Member, Mission of Egypt to the UN, Geneva, 1987-91.

- Member, Legal and Treaties *Department* of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cairo, 1984-87 and 1994-98

- "Assistant to the Agent" of the Government of Egypt to the Egypt-Israel Arbitration Tribunal for the Taba Case, 1987-89.

- Member of the Egyptian delegation in the Taba Talks between Egypt and Israel, 1985-87.

- Member, Labour Legislation Section, International Labour Office (ILO), Geneva, 1991-94.

- Secretary of the National Committee on the Framework Convention on the Non-Navigational Uses of International Water Courses, 1997-98.

- Member of the Egyptian team *for the* documentation of the boundaries with Israel.

- Member and Legal Counsel, the Egyptian delegation to the tripartite meetings for the operation of the Airport of Gaza.

- Part-time Legal Counselor for the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration.

- Chairman of the Working Group on Legal and Political Questions, *Ad Hoc* Committee on Chemical Weapons of the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva, 1989-90.

***Publications***

***Books:***

- "*Suspension or Termination of Treaties on Grounds of Breach*", The Hague - Boston London, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 1996.

***Articles:***

- "The Jurisdiction of the ICJ in the Light of its Two Advisory Opinions on the Legality of Nuclear Weapons", *Revue Egyptienne de Droit International*, Vol. 54, 1998, pp. 150-81.
- "A New International Humanitarian Legal System? An Analysis of the Role of Human Rights", *et al*, in *Revue Egyptienne de Droit International*, Vol. 55, 1999.
- "Treaty Law and Practice in Egypt", *et al*, to be published during 2000 in a comprehensive volume on treaty-making in the world prepared by the American Society of International Law
- "Non-binding Agreements in International Law", a contribution to *Melanges Georges AbiSaab*, to be published in 2000 by Martinus NiJhoff Publishers.

### ***Papers and Research***

- Prepared and drafted the "Written Statement" of Egypt to the International Court of Justice in the advisory opinion on the "Legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons", June, 1995.
- Prepared the first draft, and participated in the preparation and drafting, of the "Reply of Egypt to Other Written Statement," to the International Court of Justice in the advisory opinion on the "Legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons", September. 1995.
- Research papers on: Law of the Sea; Diplomatic privileges and immunities, Jurisdiction of the I.C.J.; Statute of the Arab Court of Justice; Human rights in occupied territories; Rights of the occupying powers over natural resources of occupied territories; Administrative rights over inland international water ways; Accession of Palestine to the 1949 Geneva Conventions; and Chemical and nuclear disarmament; Treaty questions; Succession of States.

### **Conferences and Meetings**

***United Nations*** Member of the Egyptian delegation to Regular and Special Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations; Meetings of the States Parties to UNCLOS, Sessions of the UN Conference on Disarmament, Geneva, Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Geneva and New York; Sessions of the UN Commission for Human Rights, Geneva; First Annual Meeting of the Governing Council of the Common Fund for Commodities, (UNCTAD), Geneva, 1989; Fourth Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), Geneva 1990; Third Review Conference of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (BWC), Geneva, 1991; Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization; Working Group on the preparation of the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, New York; and Working Group on the preparation of the International Convention for the Suppression of Nuclear Terrorism.

***League of Arab States:*** Member of the Egyptian delegation to the League Council; Representative of Egypt to the Permanent Legal Committee, and the negotiations and drafting of the Statute of the Arab Court of Justice, the Arab Mechanism for Dispute Settlement and the Project for an Arab Union.

***Others:*** Participated in numerous meetings on the International Criminal Court; Euro-Arab Partnership Agreements; Minimum Humanitarian Standards; Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, Arms Control and Disarmament; *Terrorism*; International Labour Conferences; and Application of Conventions and Recommendations.

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<sup>1</sup> The Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Goma is reproduced as received, in the original language of submission.