# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### MRS NAELA GABR MOHAMED GABR ALI

2005 till present:

**Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Multilateral Affairs** 

2003 till present:

Personal Representative of the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt to

the International Organization of the Francophonie

1998 till present: Member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of

**Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)** 

January 2002 - September 2005:

Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in

Geneva and to the World Trade

**Organization** 

2000 – 2008: Board member of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research

(UNITAR)

1999 - 2002: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Arab Republic of

Egypt to the Republic of South Africa and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Botswana (non-resident) and to the

**Kingdom of Lesotho (non-resident)** 

1997 – 1999: Deputy Assistant Minister for Human Rights, International Social and

**Humanitarian Affairs in the Ministry of** Foreign Affairs

1995 – 1999: Personal Assistant to the First Lady of Egypt, Mrs. Suzanne Mubarak

1992-1997 Director of the Human Rights Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1988 – 1992: Counsellor at the Egyptian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in

Geneva

1980 – 1984: First Secretary-Counsellor at the Embassy of the Arab

**Republic of Egypt in Paris** 

1977 – 1980: Office of the First Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Chief of Cabinet

of the President

Foreign languages: French and English

#### **ACADEMIC DEGREES:**

- Master's Degree in International Relations, University of Cairo.
- Master's Degree in French Literature, University of Brno, Czechoslovakia.
- B.A. Economics and Political Science, University of Cairo.

### **ACTIVITIES AND WORK EXPERIENCE:**

- Substantive preparation including drafting of National reports to the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Monitoring Bodies.
- Coordination with the competent authorities and NGOs for the following World Events:
  - 1. Preparation of the first annual report on trafficking in human beings, which was submitted to the Council of ministries in September 2008.
  - 2. Drafting process of the national plan of action to combat trafficking in persons, and the follow-up process of its implementation.
  - 3. Preparation of the Regional Expert Meeting on Rights-based Assistance to Victims of Trafficking, 14-16 December 2008, Cairo
  - 4. Preparation of the Second Ministerial conference on Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States, 24-25 November 2008, Cairo
  - 5. World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, Denmark, March 1995.
  - 6. Ninth UN Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Cairo, Egypt, April 1995.
  - 7. International Year of the Family, 1994
  - 8. World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction, Yokohama, Japan, May 1994.
- Responsible for substantive cooperation with UNICEF, HCR, DHA, UNDCP and the Center for Human Rights, 1992 1999.
- Focal Point in the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding issues related to Women, Children and Social Development, 1992 1999.

### **CONFERENCES:**

Participated in United Nations conferences and meetings dealing with human rights and social and developmental issues from 1988 until 2005; disarmament and telecommunications from 2002 until 2005, as well as conferences and meetings on international trade issues from 2002 until 2005. These activities included:

# **Head of Delegation:**

- \* The 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic, 23-25 May, 2009.
- \* The Ministerial Conference of the International Organization of the Francophonie, 15-16 October 2008, Quebec.

- \* The Regional Expert Meeting on Rights-based Assistance to Victims of Trafficking, 14-16 December 2008, Cairo.
- \* The 15<sup>th</sup> Ministerial meeting for the member states of the NAM, 20-27 July 2008, Tehran.
- \* Ministerial meeting of the Organization of Islamic Conference, 18-20 June 2008, Kampala.
- \* The NAM conference on human rights and cultural diversity, September 2007 in Tehran.
- \* The Ministerial Conference of the International Organization of the Francophonie, 20-21 November 2007, Laos.
- \* The Ministerial Conference of the International Organization of the Francophonie, 26 September 2006, Bucharest.
- \* The Ministerial Meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of Non-Aligned Movement, Putrajaya, Malaysia, 2006.
- \* Head of Egypt's Delegation to the 2003 Prepcom to the NPT Review Conference.
- \* Commission on Human Rights, Geneva, Sessions 58-62, 2002-2005, Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Sessions 53-57, 2002-2005.
- \* Second Preparatory Committee of the Second Phase of the World Summit for Information Society, 2005.
- \* Executive Committee of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Sessions 52-54, 2002-2005
- \* WTO Ministerial and Mini-ministerial meetings and G20 Ministerials in Nairobi (03/05), Davos (01/05), Cancun (09/03), Sharm ElSheikh (06/03), Tokyo (02/03).
- \* Ministerial Meeting Commemorating the Fortieth G77 Anniversary, June 2004, in Sao Paulo.
- \* Eleventh Ministerial Session of United Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD), June 13-18, 2004 in Sao Paulo.
- \* Second Preparatory Committee of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, May, 2003.
- \* Mid Term Review of the Tenth United Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Bangkok, 2002.

# **Member of Delegation:**

- \* The Second Ministerial conference on Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States, 24-25 November 2008, Cairo.
- \* 14<sup>th</sup> Summit Conference of the Heads of States and Governments of the Non- Aligned Movement, Havana, Cuba, September 2006
- \* G15 Summit, February 2005, Caracas.
- \* Francophonie Personal Representatives of Heads of States Meetings in Paris, (Permanent Council of the Francophonie)
- \* The World Health Assembly, Sessions 55-58, 2002-5
- \* The International Labor Conference, Sessions 90-93, 2002-5
- \* World Summit on Information Society, December 2003
- \* The World Conference Against Racism , Durban, South Africa, September 2001
- \* The UN Commission on Human Rights, 1988 1998
- \* Beijing UN Conference on Women, October 1995
- \* The World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 1995
- \* The World Conference on Population and Development, Cairo 1994
- \* The World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 1993
- \* The UN Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, 1988 1992

# **Committees:**

- Member of UN Committee on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), since 1998.
- Member of the National Committee on Transparency and Integrity, since 2007

# **Leadership Positions:**

- Chairperson of CEDAW, since January, 2009
- Head of the National Committee for the prevention of human trafficking, since 2007
- Vice-Chairperson of CEDAW, 2007-2008
- Chairperson of the African Group in Geneva, April 1 to July 1, 2005
- Chairperson of the Arab Group in Geneva, May 1 to August 1, 2005
- Chairperson of the Group of 21 (Disarmament), March, 2005
- Chairperson of the Committee on Trade and Environment, WTO, 2004/2005
- Chairperson of the Group of 77 in Geneva, 2002
- Chairperson of the Arab Group in Geneva, March 1 to June 1, 2002

### Paneling and Presenting Papers to various Conferences such as:

- 1. The Conference on Arab women facing the challenges of globalization held in Alexandria Library in cooperation with Claremont and Yale Universities, 13-15 January, 2009.
- 2. The Conference on Violence against women, medical and legal responses held in cooperation with Johns Hopkins University and Suzanne Mubarak's Centre for Women Health and Development, Alexandria, February 2009.
- 3. Carnegie International Nonproliferation Conference 2007, Panel on the "NPT Challenges in 2010: Decoding Signals from the 2007 NPT PrepCom", June 25-26, Washington D.C.
- 4. The Asia/Africa Forum on Economic Empowerment of Women, Bangkok, Thailand, 15-20 July 1997.
- 5. The Conference on Terrorism in the Transatlantic Area, Brussels, 25-26 April 1997.
- 6. The Conference on Women in Europe and the Mediterranean, Morocco, 27-29 May 1994.
- 7. The CSCE Conference on the Implementation of Human Rights issues, Warsaw, Poland, October 1993.
- 8. The International Conference on Social Development and Poverty, Oxaca, Mexico, 6-13 September 1993.
- 9. Lecturing on human rights and gender equality issues in the American University in Cairo, UNDP technical cooperation program, Police Academy, Nasser Academy, Diplomatic Academy and the National Centre for Social and Criminological Research.

<u>Participated and presented relevant papers, as UN expert, in several Meetings, panels and workshops on human rights and women's rights such as:</u>

- 1- Seminar on Women's Rights in the Middle East, Anna Lindh Foundation, Alexandria, Egypt, June 2005
- 2- Seminar on reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women, Khartoum, Sudan, December, 2004
- 3- « Colloque International sur les Nations Unies et les droits de l'homme », Université Paris II, Paris, September-October, 2004
- 4- Workshop held by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on mainstreaming the reporting system to human rights treaty bodies, Utrecht, the Netherlands, September 2004
- 5- Workshop held by of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on the First Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination against Women, Berlin, Germany, 2001