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(1) Egyptian Maritime Legislation

- The Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector; (MTLS), in coordination with the Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety; (EAMS), has prepared (4) draft laws in their final form, including “The Maritime Trade Law”, issued by Law No. (8) of 1990, Law No. (232) of 1989 regarding Safety of Ships, “Ship Registration Law” issued by Law No. (84) of 1949, and Law No. 156 of 1980 regarding Maritime Inspection Fees.
- The necessitated issuance procedures were enforced; henceforth the aforementioned draft laws were approved by the relevant governmental authorities and then entrusted to the House of Representatives.



(2) New Measures to Maximize Yacht Tourism

- Introducing the capability of collecting local fuel subsidies price margin through Customs Authority representatives present at seaports, after carrying out the necessary arrangements with the Customs Authority and the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation, to instigate the fuel supply process for foreign yachts without any obstacles at the yacht's docking location.
- Providing the opportunity of berthing the yacht off the coast according to the desire and choice of the yacht's visitors (in front of tourist hotels - tourist areas - marine scaffolding) within Egyptian territorial waters and incorporating it in the yacht's visit program, taking into account the requirements and rules issued in this regard by the General Secretariat of the Ministry of Defense.
- Allowing the use of the Jet Ski or any other marine floats or marine gadgets borne on the foreign yacht in the yacht's mooring area, taking into account the requirements and rules issued in this regard by the General Secretariat of the Ministry of Defense.
- Providing the opportunity of changing the yacht's itinerary at any time during the foreign yacht's visit, by adding or deleting any of the listed tourist ports or marinas, changing the visit timeline, or changing time of departure off the country, provided that approvals are obtained through the unified foreign yacht tourism window.

- Allowing foreign yacht passengers the liberty to use personal belongings (alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, cigars, etc.) On board the yacht within the customs area, by means of recording the quantities on board the yacht by the yacht owner or his representative on the foreign yacht tourism unified window at the time of the foreign yacht's arrival. The remaining quantities upon the foreign yacht's departure from the country are reviewed by a customs representative at the port, without boarding and inspecting the yacht and without causing any inconvenience to yacht passengers. (After the customs representative seals the yacht's storage areas upon its arrival into the country preventing foreign yacht passengers from using their personal belongings.)
- Allowing foreign tourist yachts to visit the Egyptian islands (47 islands) and permitting yacht passengers to practice recreational activities on the island and snorkel in the island's vicinity, after making arrangements and setting rules and requirements with the Environmental Affairs Agency (Environment Protection Sector) and the Ministry of Defense (Armed Forces Land Projects Agency)
- Regularizing the status of tourist yachts flying foreign flags and owned by Egyptians or foreigners and moored in Egyptian marinas and docks by allowing their registration at the foreign yacht tourism single window to finalize their procedures and grant them the freedom of navigation between ports and marinas on the Egyptian coast and allowing their owners to receive all services and activities, equivalent to what is provided to visiting foreign tourist yachts.
- Allowing the yacht owner or his representative to submit complaints or suggestions through the unified foreign yacht tourism window throughout the period of the foreign yacht's visit to the country. These complaints are reviewed and resolved 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and during holidays and official vacations by the dedicated operating team from the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector.
- Allowing the yacht crew or passengers replacement through the foreign yacht tourism single window from any Egyptian tourist port or marina during the yacht's visit .
- Allowing the yacht owner or his representative to request and obtain the necessary Ministry of Interior services through the foreign yacht tourism single window, including the following:
 - a. Guarding and securing the yacht during mooring and overnight stays.
 - b. Providing fuel for the yacht during mooring.
 - c. Providing welding and repair work for the yacht during mooring.
 - d. Providing a vehicle to supply the yacht with food, water, and fuel.
 - e. Guarding and securing tourist vehicles during overnight stays.

- Providing an application via Android and API to send notifications of yacht requests on mobile (submitting an arrival or departure request, changing the visit program, requesting to add an activity, etc.) for use by representatives of the relevant authorities dealing with foreign tourist yachts (Ministry of Defense "Border Guard Forces - Armed Forces Land Projects Authority - Ministry of Interior "Passports, Immigration and Nationality Administration - Port Security Administration - National Security - Ministry of Communications and Information Technology "National Telecom Regulatory Authority" - Ministry of Finance "Customs Authority" - Ministry of Environment "Nature Protection Sector" - Ministry of Transport "Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector - Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety - Tourist Ports" - Tourist Marinas). This is to ensure that representatives of the authorities responsible for following up on the single window are promptly informed of the entailed work, in order to respond immediately to foreign tourist yacht requests, issue the required approvals within less than 30 minutes, and provide the necessary support if necessary.

(3) Information Infrastructure and Digital Transformation

I. First: Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector :

- 1) Preparing the initial vision for the Egypt Logistics Platform, while activating communal dialogue to develop the platform. This will aim to track cargoes, containers, and transit, facilitate investor access, increase investment opportunities in Egyptian maritime transport operations, and facilitate the use of logistics systems.
- 2) Participating in the Egypt Government Excellence Award competition - Governmental Websites Award.
- 3) Preparing annual bulletins for 2023, Issue 24/20: - The Annual Statistical Book, including economic analysis. - The Directory of Entities and Companies Bulletin. - The Basic Port Data Bulletin.
- 4) Choosing the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector website as one of the top 10 websites nationwide in the Ministry of Planning's Government Excellence Competition in 2024.
- 5) Integrating and electronically linking the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector with the Unified Hajj Portal, and coordinating between shipping companies operating in the transport of pilgrims and the Ministry of Interior.
- 6) Launching the Maritime Single Window (MSW) project on April 15, 2024 and linking it to the Maritime Windows of Port Authorities: -

Managing, providing operational support, and developing the Maritime Single Window (MSW) Project in accordance with the Maritime Transport Agreement (FAL). This agreement aims to enhance and facilitate international maritime traffic between the Member States that signed the Agreement, standardize procedures as much as possible, reduce the documents required by the relevant authorities, implement electronic circulation upon the arrival and departure of ships, and operate it 24/7, including official holidays.

II. The Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety and Port Authorities Affiliated to The Ministry of Transport

1- Damietta Port Authority:

- As a culmination of the Damietta Port Authority's efforts to maximize the benefits of its technological infrastructure in the field of information systems and digital transformation, and its immense expertise in this field, the port won the award for "The Pioneer" in Activating the Electronic Forms of the International Convention for the Facilitation of Maritime Traffic (FAL) and Linking them to the Single Window System" during the celebration of World Maritime Day 2024, which was held this year under the slogan "Navigation in the Seas of the Future... Safety First", as the first Egyptian port to provide an electronic data exchange service for the FAL forms. In accordance with International Maritime Organization (IMO) resolutions, which require ports around the world to establish single maritime windows, the goal is to simplify procedures and connect the port community and relevant authorities. — As part of the electronic development of port operations, the automated berthing system has been linked to the Marine Traffic portal, enabling the port to obtain real-time data on ships heading to the port as soon as their destination is registered on the Marine Traffic portal.

2- The Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety:

- An electronic archiving system has been activated to store the authority's documents to be processed electronically, and exchanged through a secure network between departments.
- An Electronic Notice of Arrival/Departure (eNOAD) was developed linking the Authority and the Port Authority.
- Networking operations were concluded at the Maritime Passport Issuance Center.
- A system was established for electronic printing of passports and certificates.

- At least (20) programs were created according to user requirements (passports, certificates, inspections, and personnel affairs).
- (15) Programs were developed and updated according to user requirements, e.g. (ship registration, maritime accidents, medical management, and addition of bonus disbursement).
- Programs were created for network levying of checks and Money transfer orders related to the Authority's revenues and linked to invoicing programs.
- An integrated system was created to serve the Authority's revenue system across all its branches, including programs for daily monitoring of the Authority's revenues.
- A project was implemented to connect the Authority and its external branches, resulting in increased efficiency, upgrades, and speeds of the connectivity between the main center in Alexandria and the branches, and the activation of networking and internet services in Alexandria via fiber optic cables instead of copper cables.
- The Authority's website has been upgraded to provide several interactive services to users, most notably (verifying the validity of the civil service certificate, medical examination results, verifying seafarers' certificates, verifying the recognition of foreign certificates, civil passports corroboration, personal certificates, and mandatory certificates).
- A contract was signed with "Trans IT Co." to create three types of applications dedicated to addressing the increase in services provided to the public and facilitating the work of Authority employees. These are as follows:
 - Archiving and document cycle systems using the LASERFISH program.
 - Systems specifically designed to suit the nature of the Authority's work, such as the Flag State Applications System (Treaty Implementation) and the Ship Inspection System.
 - Warehouse, Procurement, and Human Resources Systems
- The Authority has been linked to external entities, mainly the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector (Data Bank) and the Alexandria Port Authority, to achieve integrated information exchange.
- The Networking system between the Authority and the Alexandria Port Authority has been completed (Revenue and Flag State Control Activities Charges Collection).

- An electronic link has been established between the Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety and the Red Sea Ports Authority (starting with Adabiya Port).
- The establishment of the necessary programs for the electronic correlation and the issuance of an all-inclusive invoice for each port.
- An all-inclusive invoice has been created for the Suez Canal Authority, and the Authority has been linked to the Suez Canal Authority to issue the all-inclusive invoice.

(4) Strategic Planning and Monitoring of Investment Projects to Maximize Revenues

1- A field visit was conducted to the investment projects of the Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety and Port Authorities Affiliated to The Ministry of Transport. Most prominent investment projects implemented by Port Authorities during 2024 were as follows :

▪ Alexandria Port Authority:

- The establishment of a clean dry bulk terminal at Dekheila Port, covering an area of 300,000 m², in a collaboration between the Alexandria Port Authority and a consortium of companies (Mediterraneo Trading, El Sewedy Investment, Lat for Trade and Navigation, and the Holding Company for Maritime and Land Transport).
- The multi-purpose terminal at Dekheila Port (Berth 100). The infrastructure has been completed, and the container terminal at Berth 100 has been handed over to the Alexandria Port Authority and the global consortium (Hutcheson, MSC, and COSCO).
- Establishment of the first phase of the integrated logistics zone in the Metras Basin, covering an area of 273 acres.

▪ Red Sea Ports Authority:

- The multi-purpose terminal (Safaga 2) at Safaga Seaport.
- The new fishing port in Safaga, located on an area of 73,000 m², is currently under construction.

▪ Damietta Port Authority:

1. The second container terminal, Tahya Misr 1.
2. Follow-up with port authorities regarding the directives of the President of the Republic and the issued directives, including transforming Egypt into a global trade and logistics center, as well as establishing a national Egyptian company to replace the CARGOX platform.

3. Constant coordination and follow-up with Port Authorities to update the investment opportunities available at each Authority on a monthly basis, in Arabic and English, and in accordance with the forms issued by the General Authority for Investment and Free Zones.
4. Setting Periodical official round tours (every 6 months) to all the seaports of Egypt to ensure the safety of all port-related procedures, headed by the Ministry of Transport and representatives of relevant Authorities, in accordance with Prime Ministerial Decree No. 2539 of 2022 , and preparing a report on the results of the Rounding Committee's work, including the Strengths and weaknesses in the Committee's findings, as well as the adopted recommendations, to be presented to H.E Lieutenant General/Kamel Al-Wazeer Deputy Prime Minister for Industrial Development, Minister of Industry and Transport , and for the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector to follow up with the Port Authorities to determine and implement pertinent measures necessary to address the observations contained in the Rounding Committee's report and effect the recommendations contained in the report..

(5) International Agreements and Conventions

- The Single Window System has been activated and enforced throughout all Egyptian Seaports starting April 15, 2024, through the introduction of electronic FAL forms.
- Signing up to the Clean Sea Net network, a satellite-based oil pollution monitoring and detection service operated by the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), through which the administration receives monthly reports and images of pollution incidents in the Red Sea and Mediterranean.
- A technical study was prepared on the feasibility of joining the Maritime Organization for Eastern, Southern, and North African States (MOESNA), formerly ISCOS, a regional maritime organization dedicated to promoting, coordinating, and protecting shipping and the maritime interests of its members and the region as a whole. The Ministry of Transport has agreed to join the aforementioned organization, and coordination is underway with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to adopt the necessary measures to activate this accession.
- On September 19, 2024, the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN), culminating in cooperation with the organization and establishing common principles of integrity and ethics in the maritime community.

- In an effort by the Ministry of Transport to improve the ranking of Egyptian ports in terms of disciplined and fair maritime transactions, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has approved Egypt's provision of technical support to assist developing countries in developing a national plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from ships under the GREENVOYAGE 2050 program. This will undoubtedly contribute to helping Egypt implement the IMO's 2023 Emissions Reduction Strategy.

(6) MARITIME LABOUR

- Presidential Decree No. 144 of 2023 was issued approving the Arab Republic of Egypt's accession to the Maritime Labor Convention, 2006. Accordingly, the Minister of Labor submitted Egypt's ratification papers to the International Labor Organization (ILO) on June 7, 2024, during its 112th session at the ILO headquarters at the United Nations Palace.
- Decree No. 206 of 2024 was issued amending certain provisions of Minister of Transport Decree No. 330 of 2013 regarding the issuance and renewal of seafarer passports and the issuance of international medical certificates for seafarers. This included the addition of procedures for issuing seafarer passports and international medical certificates for students (maritime/engineering) abroad and those studying at a maritime institute recognized by the competent maritime authority abroad.
- All necessary measures were taken to address the issues of detained ships and crews in Egyptian territorial waters, in coordination with the relevant authorities. This included interventions to resolve complaints on board (56) ships, as well as interventions with the relevant authorities to resolve (8) complaints received from Egyptian seafarers.
- Matching the number of valid maritime passports with the needs of the labor market to determine the ratios between supply and demand, and the extent of the local market's need to upgrade the Egyptian commercial fleet to employ maritime labor. A total of (38,198) valid, automated maritime passport was issued to date.



(7) International Maritime Cooperation

The Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector strived to enhance bilateral and regional cooperation with other countries and to actively participate in international and regional forums on key maritime topics during 2024, most notably:



I. European Countries

Efforts were exerted to enhance cooperation with European countries and instigate maritime connectivity projects with partner countries:

A- The Republic of Italy:

- The successful operation of the Ro-Ro line for perishable agricultural products between the ports of Damietta and Trieste, through the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector's chairmanship of the project's Steering Committee, pursuant to Prime Ministerial Decree No. 3846 of 2022, to develop an integrated vision, executive plan, and a timeline for the project's management. Obstacles were resolved, Egypt acceded to the 1968 Vienna Conventions, Presidential Decree No. 329 of 2023 was issued, and the line's legal documents were signed (a Memorandum of Understanding for Customs Cooperation between the Customs Departments of the two countries - a Memorandum of Understanding between the ports of Damietta and Trieste - a declaration of intent between the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector and the line's operating company, DFDS, pledging to operate a 10-ton vessel). 220 trucks, with an average of one trip per week. The government agreement on international freight transport by land vehicles serving the roll-on/roll-off (RORO) line, and the government memorandum of understanding for land transport as a framework for regulating land vehicle traffic, were also implemented.
- The line's first trip was successfully launched on November 29, 2024, and a conference was held in the presence of the Prime Minister, Lieutenant General/Deputy Prime Minister for Industrial Development, Minister of Industry and Transport, and senior officials from both countries.
- **The significance of the project:** The project will open export markets for Egyptian agricultural products to Italian and European markets, in implementation of presidential directives to double Egyptian exports by 2025. It will also increase the economic feasibility of high-speed train projects, contributing to linking Italy and European countries with the Gulf States, Asia, and Africa via Egyptian territory. This will

contribute to enhancing Egypt's competitiveness as a transportation and logistics hub in the region, in addition to providing a stable source of dollars for the Arab Republic of Egypt.

B- The Kingdom of Spain: -

- Efforts have been exerted to advance maritime cooperation between the two countries, and a regular maritime dialogue for maritime transport and ports has been successfully established between the two countries, headed by the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector and the Spanish Embassy in Cairo. This dialogue discusses the implementation of maritime connectivity projects and cooperation in the field of maritime tourism. The first meeting was held between the ports of Alexandria and Barcelona, and the possibility of operating a Ro-Ro line between the two countries was discussed to increase trade volume. A Memorandum of Understanding on this matter was also proposed, and work is underway.

C- Greece:

- Successful outset of the Joint Navigation Committee and holding its first meeting, chaired by Rear Admiral/Head of the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector and his counterpart, the Secretary General for Maritime Affairs and Island Policies at the Greek Ministry of Transport, in Alexandria on May 29-30, 2024, exceling in advancing maritime cooperation between the two countries.
- Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Port of Volos and the Alexandria Port Authority for cooperation in the field of ports and maritime connectivity.
- Initialing of the Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding between the Egyptian ports in the Arab Republic of Egypt (Alexandria Port Authority - Port Said), the Port of Limassol in the Republic of Cyprus, the Port of Piraeus in Greece, and the Port of Thessaloniki in Thessaloniki regarding twinning and port development.
- The successful visit of Rear Admiral, Head of the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector, and Rear Admiral, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Alexandria Port Authority, and their attendance of the second Maritime Committee meetings in Athens, Greece, on June 3-4, 2024.
- Work is underway to implement a project to operate a passenger/cargo line between the ports of Alexandria and Volos, Greece, and to expand the scope of partnerships with European countries to operate direct connecting lines. A successful visit by the project team to Alexandria was also conducted in September 2023.
- **The significance of the project:** The project is a regional one, aiming to connect the European transportation network with Africa through the Arab Republic of Egypt. The possibility of funding the project's feasibility study by the European Union during 2025 is under consideration.

D- Bulgaria:

- The text of the Bilateral Agreement between the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria in the field of Maritime Transport is set. This Agreement represents the highest governmental framework for promoting maritime relations between the two countries. It is expected to be signed during the upcoming Egyptian-Bulgarian Joint Committee, chaired by the foreign ministers of the two countries. The signing date is yet to be determined.

E- Lithuania:

- Cooperation with the Republic of Lithuania was reinforced, and a successful visit by the Lithuanian Minister of Transport to the Port of Alexandria on April 24, 2024, was successfully accomplished. The text of the Governmental Memorandum of Understanding on Maritime Transport between the two countries was finalized for signing as soon as possible.

F- Malta:

- Cooperation with the Maltese side was enhanced, and an Agreement was reached on cooperation in the fields of marine tourism, yacht tourism, green ports, clean energy, and infrastructure projects. A Governmental Memorandum of Understanding was proposed for signing during the anticipated high-level visit from the Maltese side.

G- Federal Republic of Germany

- The German Ambassador to Cairo concluded a visit to discuss the operation of an express shipping line at the request of German companies. Preparations are underway to hold meetings of the Egyptian-German Joint Shipping Committee during the first quarter of next year.

H- Cooperation with Turkey: -

- Coordination and discussions are underway with the Turkish side virtually and with relevant authorities regarding the resumption of the Ro-Ro line between the two countries, and work is underway.

I- The Russian Federation: -

- Cooperation between the two countries is existent and ongoing through joint committees for scientific, economic, and technical cooperation, headed by the Ministry of Trade, with the participation of The Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector. These committees are convening periodically to advance cooperation with the Russian side.
- The Russian company VESCO launched a direct/regular container service line between the port of Novorossiysk and the port of Dekheila in December 2023.

- The Egyptian-Russian working group on transportation affairs was founded based on a proposal received from the Russian side in June 2024, and approved by Lieutenant General/Deputy Prime Minister for Industrial Development and Minister of Industry and Transport. The first session was held virtually in July 2024.
- Visits are conducted and maritime conferences are attended within the framework of the BRICS group and bilateral cooperation.
- H.E Lieutenant General/Deputy Prime Minister for Industrial Development and Minister of Industry and Transport has conducted a visit to St. Petersburg from June 6-8, 2024, to attend the ministerial declaration of the BRICS transport ministers.
- H.E R. Admiral Admiral/Deputy Minister of Maritime Transport has participated in the 18th edition of the "Transport Russia 2024" conference, held from November 19-21, 2024.

II. Asian Countries:

A. China :-

- Cooperation with the Chinese side has been enhanced, and executive steps have been taken for joint cooperation at the bilateral level and within the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative. Future cooperation within the BRICS framework has also been discussed, in implementation of the decisions of the Supreme Ports Council, including:
 - Signing Memoranda of Understanding for Port Cooperation between the Chinese ports (Qingdao-Guangzhou) and the Port of Alexandria.
 - Direct discussions with the Chinese side and receiving visits to the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector headquarters from the Chinese Consul General in Alexandria and the Director of the Chinese State Shipyard during 2023-2024.
- **Work is underway with the Chinese side to:**
 - Integrate the "Sokhna-Alexandria Logistics Corridor" into the Silk Road Initiative.
 - The Chinese Arsenal's entrance into the project to build (2) multi-purpose vessels for "AL-KAHERA Company for Ferries and Maritime Transport (KCFMT)" in 2026.
 - Cooperate in the field of establishing a factory with the aim of localizing the container construction industry (construction/repair) at the Alexandria Port Authority.
 - Work is underway, within the framework of the inauguration of the "Year of Egyptian-Chinese Partnership" by His Excellency the President of the Republic and His Excellency the Chinese President during the presidential visit to China from May 28 to 31, 2024, through the China Unit in

the Cabinet on a proposal to hold a joint event between Egypt and China in the field of maritime transport and cooperation within the framework of the Silk Road.

B. South Korea:

- The Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector participated in the conference organized by the Korea Trade-Investment Agency (KOTRA) on August 28, 2024, with the presence of a number of Korean companies, institutions, banks, and the Korean Ports Authority. The Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector presented a comprehensive presentation on investment opportunities in Egyptian ports that are priorities for joint cooperation.

C. Japan:

- Strengthening cooperation with the Japanese side in the field of training by agreeing to execute workshops and training programs for sector personnel and Egyptian ports employees during the fiscal year April 2025 to March 2026. This program, held in cooperation with the Embassy of Japan and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), covers the following areas: (Strategic Port Planning, International Port and Logistics Strategies, Green Ports: Perspective and Application, Supply Chain Management and Port Linkage, Port Management and Contracting).
- Working to enhance cooperation in the field of infrastructure investment and investment projects in Egyptian ports.

D. Cooperation with Pakistan:

- The potentiality of signing the Maritime Transport Agreement between the governments of the two countries, proposed by the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector, with the aim of upgrading maritime relations founded by the Memorandum of Understanding signed in the field of maritime transport in Islamabad in 2013. Negotiations and necessary security approvals for signing have been completed.

E. Other Countries:

- Cooperation was also enhanced and proposals were put forward for cooperation with India within the bilateral framework and the BRICS framework - Uzbekistan - Azerbaijan.
- Cooperation proposals are currently being founded in accordance with what was agreed upon following the presidential visit of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Egypt on June 7-8, 2024.
- Preparations are underway for the sixth session of the Egyptian-Kazakh Joint Committee for Economic, Scientific, and Technical Cooperation.

- Cooperation with Singapore is underway within the framework of the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Egypt and Singapore and the potential visit of the Prime Minister of Singapore to Egypt.

III. African Countries:

- Cooperation with African countries has been enhanced, and the Supreme Ports Council has approved the executive plan and schedule prepared by the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector to boost and magnify Egyptian exports to Africa, in accordance with a plan to amplify and promote exports by 2025 and sustains commercial effectiveness to maximize Egyptian exports to Africa.
- A comprehensive report on the vision and execution has been prepared, including the Ministry of Transport's efforts to maximize trade with Africa and the provision of vessels to operate shipping lines to Africa.
- An extensive study has been conducted on the "Logistics Zones", and is currently under discussion in African countries (underway).
- Active membership of the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector in the committee established by Prime Minister Decree No. 263 of 2021 to study the development of an Action Plan for a Comprehensive Strategy aimed at amplifying exports to Africa by 2025.
- Cooperation with the Republic of Sierra Leone was strengthened, and a high-level delegation from the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector and the Port of Alexandria has successfully conducted a visit the port on September 16, 2024. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Egyptian Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of Transport and Aviation of the Republic of Sierra Leone in the field of maritime transport, port development, and investment projects.
- Boosting cooperation with the Republic of Madagascar and conducting a successful visit by the Minister of Transport and Meteorology of Madagascar to Egyptian ports (Alexandria - Damietta) on November 7-8, 2024.
- Strengthening cooperation with Kenya and discussing the operation of a shipping line to maximize Egyptian exports to Africa. The participation of Rear Admiral/Head of the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector in the Egyptian-Kenyan Joint High Committee, chaired by the two Countries' Foreign Ministers, took place in March 2024. A governmental Memorandum of Understanding in the field of Maritime Transport between the two countries was signed on March 7, 2024. Two Memoranda of Understanding are expected to be signed on Maritime Transport between

ports: A Memorandum of Understanding between the Kenyan Ports Authority (Lamu Port) and the Port of Alexandria (Ministry of Transport) - and a Memorandum of Understanding between the Kenyan Ports Authority (Mombasa Port) and the Port of Safaga (Ministry of Transport).

- Cooperation with South Africa has been enhanced through joint high-level committees chaired by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The most recent of these was the Joint High Committee chaired by the Foreign Ministers of the two countries, with the membership of the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector, in the capital, Pretoria, from April 17-19, 2024. The text of the updated Maritime Transport Agreement between the two countries was finalized in preparation for signing.
- R. Admiral, Head of the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector, participated in the "Fresh Food Africa Conference and Exhibition" on December 3, 2024. A panel discussion was held on the importance of logistics for the export environment, and the Ministry of Transport's achievements in enhancing the transport of Egyptian agricultural exports to African and European markets were demonstrated.
- **Other countries:** Cooperation was also reinforced with Namibia, Mozambique, Djibouti, and Côte d'Ivoire, and virtual meetings were held with the aforementioned countries.

IV. Regional Organizations:

A. Union for the Mediterranean

- The success of the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector - Ministry of Transport in finalizing the negotiations for the "Blue Med Partnership" Framework, with the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector as the technical focal point for the Arab Republic of Egypt for the Blue Economy.
- Egypt also signed the Declaration of Intent through Dr. / Rania Al-Mashat Minister of International Cooperation on behalf of His Excellency Lieutenant General / Minister of Transport at COP28.
- Joining the initiative ensures that the Arab Republic of Egypt benefits from funding opportunities for Blue Economy projects, which will attain valuable accomplishments in line with the national efforts of the Arab Republic of Egypt in the field of the Blue Economy. The funding contributions will benefit Egypt, Jordan, and Morocco.
- Blue Economy Projects Funding is being reviewed, funding and actual implementation is scheduled for January 2025.

B. African Union:

- Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector participated in the virtual meeting held on July 17, 2024, for The Validation workshop of the Report on “The Study on Status of Transport and Logistics in COMESA: Effects on Intra-Regional Trade”, prepared by a COMESA Consultant, providing feedback on the conducted review of the draft report prepared on the matter.

C. BRICS Countries:

- The Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector developed a vision and a plan for enhance cooperation with BRICS countries within the framework of Egypt's membership in the BRICS organization. Work is underway to pursue their implement and intensify bilateral cooperation efforts with the organization's major countries (South Africa, China, Russia, and Brazil).

V. Regional Green Transformation Initiatives and its benefits to Egyptian Ports:

- A successful dialogue was initiated with the Port of Livorno to benefit from European Union initiatives and the funding provided for projects in beneficiary countries, including the Arab Republic of Egypt, including the Life4MEDECA Initiative; a green transformation initiative in the Mediterranean, funded by the European Union, with the Italian Port of Livorno as a beneficiary and coordinator for concluding project contracts and providing funding to Mediterranean ports.
- Funding was successfully obtained for a feasibility study to establish a hydrogen chain in the Mediterranean between Egypt's exporting ports (Alexandria Port - Damietta Port) and the receiving port (the Port of Livorno). The study was funded by the Clean Hydrogen Fund established by the European Union for the benefit of the Port of Livorno. The University of Pisa, on the Italian side, will conduct the academic component of the study (study completion date is September 2025), followed by the establishment of the infrastructure for providing connectivity between Egyptian and Italian ports.

VI. Researching the Trade Corridors Rival / Equating to the Suez Canal and Repercussions of Current Events in the Red Sea:

- This includes exploring the trade corridors Rival / Equating to the Suez Canal, maximizing and enhancing the Suez Canal axis, including (the North-South Corridor - the Polar Corridor - the Economic Corridor - the Chinese Silk Road), and developing proposals for a proactive policy that achieves the State's target to make Egypt a center for global trade and logistics, and exploring the

impact of current events in the “Bab al-Mandab Strait”, the repercussions of the situation, its impact on Egyptian ports, and the vision and proposals in this regard.

(8) Maritime Cooperation with Arab Countries

A. Joint Technical Committees:

- The 8th session of the Egyptian-Saudi Joint Technical Committee for Maritime Transport was held at the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector headquarters and at the Suez Canal Authority headquarters in Ismailia during the period of (May 8-9, 2024). The Committee's resolutions are being affected in coordination with the relevant authorities.
- The 9th meeting of the Jordanian-Egyptian Joint Technical Committee for Maritime Transport was held in Amman, Jordan, from November 3-4, 2024.



B. Joint Higher Committees:

- The 32nd session of the Egyptian-Jordanian Joint Higher Committee was held during the period May 7-9, 2024, in Cairo, chaired by the Prime Ministers of both countries.
- The 18th session of the Egyptian-Saudi Joint Higher Committee was held in Riyadh in the period from March 3-4, 2024.
- The meetings of the Egyptian-Qatari Joint Higher Committee were held from February 28 to March 2, 2024, in Qatar. The Ministry of Transport was provided with the technical contact point for the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector to coordinate with the Qatari side to develop a mechanism for affecting the Committee's recommendations.
- The 13th session of the Egyptian-Kuwaiti Joint Higher Committee, chaired by the Foreign Ministers of the two countries, was held from September 10-12, 2024, in Cairo at the MARRIOTT ZAMALEK Hotel.

C. League of Arab States Topics:

- Reaching a final draft of the Agreement regulating procedures for Maritime Transport of Passengers and Cargoes between Arab countries, through meetings at the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States (Economic Affairs Sector - Transport and Tourism Department).

- The joint meeting of the technical committees for Maritime, Land, and Multimodal Transport of the League of Arab States was held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from May 5-7, 2024. All technical topics related to transport systems and coordination of Arab cooperation were discussed.
- The (22) Joint Meeting of Technical Committees for Land, Land, and Multimodal Transport were held at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States from September 30 to October 1, 2024.
- The meetings of the Council of Arab Ministers of Transport, in its 37th regular session, and its Executive Office, in its 73rd regular session, were held from November 13-14, 2024, at the headquarters of the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport in Alexandria.

D. General Topics to Enhance Cooperation with Arab Countries:

- A proposed protocol for technical cooperation between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the field of yacht tourism was prepared.
- The Saudi Authorities were contacted through diplomatic channels to allow the opening of Duba Port (Neom) to receive Hajj and Umrah flights for the year 2025.
- The Arab Republic of Egypt participated (in the presence of Lieutenant General/Minister of Transport - and Rear Admiral/Head of the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector) in the Global Logistics Forum, under the patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from October 12-14, 2024.

(9) Achievements of the Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety during 2024

- **Legislative proposals to amend some of the following legislations were prepared;**
(In coordination with the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector), and approved by the Cabinet of Ministers and referred to the House of Representatives for ratification.
 - A draft law amending some provisions of Law No. 84 of 1949 regarding the registration of commercial vessels.
 - A draft law amending some provisions of Law No. 156 of 1980 regarding maritime inspection fees.
 - A draft law amending some provisions of Law No. 232 of 1989 regarding ship safety.
 - A draft law amending some provisions of Law No. 8 of 1990 regarding the issuance of the Maritime Trade Law.
 - A draft Ministerial Decree was prepared to amend some provisions of Minister of Transport Decree No. 330 of 2013 regarding the Issuance and Renewal of Maritime Passports and the Issuance of International Medical Certificates for Seafarers (approved by the Ministry of Transport and issued by Minister of Transport Decree No. 206 of 2024 dated April 3, 2024). Amending some provisions of Transport Ministerial Decree No. 330 of 2013.

(10) Achievements of Egyptian Seaport Authorities in 2024

ALEXANDRIA PORT AUTHORITY

A. Established Projects:

- Construction and supply of (2) oil skimmers, 100% completion rate.
- Construction and supply of (3) 70-ton tugboats (N104/N107/N105)
- Rehabilitation of the Dakhila (6) tugboat, 100% completion rate.
- Construction of a link to connect Port (Gate 54) to the international coastal road, 100% completion rate for the bridge, and 85% completion for the waiting areas

B. Projects under Construction:

- Civil protection and firefighting works for port buildings and facilities, 99% completion rate.
- Multi-purpose terminal Construction Project on Berth100 at Dekheila Port, 95.8% completion rate.
- Infrastructure bays construction project for Berth 100 and the dry bulk berth at Dekheila Port, 96% completion rate.
- Electrical Transformer Terminal Construction Project, 11/66% completion 85% completion rate.
- Project to supply and install feeder cables for the 11/66 electrical transformer terminal, with an 80% completion rate.
- Project of dredging the navigation channel and turning circle, with a 90.7% completion rate.
- Project to increase and maximize the role of cargo transport by rail in seaports, with an 90% completion rate.
- Project to establish infrastructure for the lands of the Commercial Timber Company, with a 97% completion rate.

RED SEA PORTS AUTHORITY

I. New Constructions:

1. Construction of a Container Handling Terminal in Safaga:

- The infrastructure for a Multi-Purpose Terminal in Safaga has been completed. This includes the construction of a 1,100-meter-long quay with a draught of 17 meters, dredging of the navigation channel, and a container handling terminal with an area of approximately 1,000,000 m² to receive general cargo and container ships, desalination and treatment plant, and an electrical supply network.
- The terminal is planned to have an annual capacity of 500,000 up to 3000,000 containers, and to receive general cargo of up to 7000,000 tons.
- The work was carried out by a consortium of Egyptian companies.

- A contract was awarded to Safaga Terminal Operations Company (an Egyptian joint-stock company) under the private free zone system, and was established by a consortium of companies comprising Abu Dhabi Ports (a public joint-stock company), Golda Anchor Ships Operator Limited, and Silver Anchor Facilities Management Limited. The contracting period granted to the Company is 30 years, starting from the date of receipt of the project land.

2. Establishment of a Fishermen's Port in Safaga: -

- The construction of a fishing port in Safaga is currently underway, including the construction of a scaffold for fishing boats, approximately 100 meters long and with a draught of 4.5 meters. It also includes an ice and packaging plant to serve fishermen in the Red Sea Governorate.
- The project's constructing company is the Nile General Company for Roads and Bridges - Canal Electricity Distribution Company.
- The project has reached 91% completion rate, and shall be completed by March 2025.

3. Construction of a 340-meter-long quay at Port Tawfiq Port: -

- Construction of a 340-meter-long, 7-meter-deep quay at Port Tawfiq Port is underway.
- The project's construction company is the Holding Company for Roads and Bridges.
- The project has reached 97% completion rate and will be completed by March 2025.

II. Upgrading Port Services Efficiency:

1. Construction and Supply of (2) Marine Tugs:

- Two (2) marine tugs with a pulling force of 70 tons were procured to enhance the efficiency of land-based units for towage and pilotage operations to receive large-tonnage vessels.
- The constructing company is the Marine Industries and Services Organization (MIASO).
- Work began in August 2021 and was delivered in October 2024.

2. Construction and Supply of (4) Marine Tugs and (2) Marine Pilot Crafts:

- Work is underway to construct (4) marine tugs with a pulling force of (70) tons and (2) marine pilot Crafts to enhance the efficiency of marine units performing towage and piloting operations to receive large-tonnage vessels.
- The constructing company is the Marine Industries and Services Organization (MIASO).
- Work began in July 2023 and will be completed in February 2027.

- The construction completion rate has reached 25%.

3. Replacement and Restoration of Navigational Aids:

- The replacement and restoration of navigational aids in Safaga and Sokhna has been completed.
- The assembling companies are (AL SHARAF - AL FATEH - MARITIME GROUP - AL JAD).

III. In the Field of Utilizing Storage Yards at The Authority's Ports:-

1. Port of Suez:

- A license was granted to exploit a yard for storing vehicles and general cargo, applying civil protection requirements, and obtaining the necessary customs permit at Port Tawfiq Port. The yard was then put up for public auction for utilization. A contract was signed to utilize an area of 3,060 m² at Port Tawfiq Port based on a management and operation scheme of (90.5 % for the Authority, 9.5% for the Company), with a set minimum annual limit.
- A contract was signed with Suez Stevedoring Company, a subsidiary of the Ministry of Transport, to exploit an area of 2,752 m² at Port Tawfiq Port for storing vehicles and general cargo based on a management and operation scheme of (50% for the Authority, 50% for the Company), with a set minimum annual limit. It should be noted that all yards at Port Tawfiq Port are fully utilized and leased.

2. Safaga Port:

- A contract was signed with the Suez Stevedoring Company, a subsidiary of the Ministry of Transport, to operate (4) yards with a total area of 20,000 m² at Safaga Port, Port based on a management and operation scheme of (80% for the Authority - 20% for the Company), with a set minimum annual limit.
- A contract was signed with (The Canal Shipping Agencies - Suez Stevedoring Company), a subsidiary of the Ministry of Transport, to establish yards at Safaga Port for dangerous cargoes with an area of (5,000 m²) and an area of (24,000 m²) for storing cars and general cargo, based on a management and operation scheme of (80% for the Authority - 20% for the Company), with a set minimum annual limit.
- A contract was signed with "Awad Moawad Company" to operate a yard with a total area of 1,000 m² at Safaga Port, based on a management and operation scheme of (80% for the Authority - 20% for the Company), with a set minimum annual fee. All yards at Safaga Port are fully utilized and leased.

IV. In the field of partnership and investment:

- An Egyptian joint-stock company was established under the name of “Berenice Seaport Company”. This company is subject to the provisions of Law No. 159 of 1981 regarding joint-stock companies, limited partnerships, limited liability companies, and sole proprietorships. The company aims to manage and operate “Berenice Seaport”, as well as to function as a seaports operation, maintenance and management Company, and provide maritime transportation and shipping services for cargoes, stevedoring, and handling containers and various types of cargoes.
- A protocol was signed with a consortium of the Emirati company “Zero Waste” and the Emirati company “EDF Renewable” to establish and operate a plant to produce green fuels (hydrogen and ammonia). This will provide new and renewable energy for the project through the construction and operation of a wind and solar power plant in three identical phases, each with a capacity of 300,000 tons per year.
- The National Center for Planning State Land Uses (NCPSLU) was contacted in order to allocate the required land plots, including a plot of land and a berth area of 250 m² long and a draft of 12 m².
- A contract of deputation is underway with the Armed Forces to manage and operate “The Galala Marina” in Sokhna , as is a protocol with “Notix Company” to manage and operate “The Galala Marina”.
- A contract of deputation was concluded with the Transport Projects Planning Authority to construct a 140 m² berth at Adabiya Port for the Armed Forces (Transportation Department).
- A management, operation, maintenance, and transfer Contract for the Tourist Passenger Terminals at the Ports of Hurghada, Safaga, and Sharm El Sheikh was signed with Abu Dhabi Ports Company.

DAMIETTA PORT AUTHORITY

I. Upgrading Port Infrastructure and Operations Efficiency:

- The infrastructure works for the second Container Terminal (Tahya Misr 1) have been completed, with quay lengths of 1,970 meters, a depth of 18 meters, and handling yards covering an area of 922,000 m², with a handling capacity of up to 3.5 million TEUs. The superstructure works are currently underway, being implemented by “Damietta Alliance”; the terminal operator. 20 electric yard cranes (RTGs) and 5 giant berth cranes (STSS) have been supplied for container handling services, as the first batch of the terminal's cranes, which will arrive successively. These cranes are among the most state-of-the-art types of giant berth cranes in the world, manufactured by the Chinese company “HHMC”.
- The Egyptian-Italian Ro-Ro line has been launched and operated, contributing to the introduction of Egyptian Agricultural Cargo Exports into the Italian and European markets by establishing a *Green Corridor* between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Italian Republic. The line supports

lower shipping costs and delivery times for cargoes, enhancing the competitiveness of Egyptian products in European markets, in addition to contributing to the provision of more than 2,000 direct and indirect job opportunities for administrative staff, transportation companies, shipping companies, and shipping agents.

- The deepening of the port's navigation channel and turning basin has been completed, bringing the designed depth to 19 meters in the channel and 18.5 meters in the turning basin. This will give the port a competitive advantage in accommodating giant container vessels with capacities exceeding 20,000 containers. Consequently, on August 12, 2024, the port successfully received the container ship "SALAHUDDIN," operated by The Shipping Line "Hapag-Lloyd", arriving from Singapore with a total tonnage of 153,000 tons. The ship measures 368 meters in length, 51 meters in width, and has a draft of 16.1 meters, being the largest draft for a container vessel to use the Port since its opening.
- The construction of a new 5,400-meter-long breakwater west of the Port has been completed to protect the navigation channel and turning basin from natural climatic effects that cause siltation in the basin and channel. A new body of water has also been acquired behind the breakwater to establish a Multi-Purpose Terminal (Tahya Misr 2) with a berth length of 3,320 meters and handling and storage areas totaling 2,000,000 m².
- Construction has begun on "4"-70-tonne tugboats, "2" fast pilotage crafts, and "1" service boat to provide assistance for the port's fleet. This will enable the port to meet its future operational needs, especially after the Tahya Misr 1 Container Terminal begins operating.
- To enhance Damietta Port's competitiveness, construction has begun on a dry bulk cargo handling terminal behind the eastern barrier. This includes an 850m-long, 18m-deep quay and a 270,000m² backyards. The terminal will be capable of handling 3.5 million tons per year, with a storage capacity of up to 9 million tons per year.
- Concurrently with the recent surge in operational performance indicators achieved by Damietta Port, and within the context of cooperation and integration between the Ministry of Transport and the Ministries of Trade and Industry and Finance, these efforts have culminated in the issuance of Decree No. (261) of 2024 by the Ministers of Finance and Trade and Industry, adding Damietta Seaport to the group of Egyptian ports exclusively permitted to release textiles and related products under any of the customs regulations stipulated in Article (1) of Joint Ministerial Decree No. (68)\2007) - (i.e.: Alexandria Seaport - Port Said Seaport - Ain Sokhna Seaport - Cairo Airport).

II. Sustainability, Environment, and the Transition to Green Ports:

- A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Damietta Port Authority and "The Coastal Research Institute" with the aim of establishing a framework for cooperation between the two parties regarding monitoring natural phenomena, measuring sea level, ocean currents, tides, meteorology, conducting various marine surveys, and other natural phenomena within the port.

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Damietta Port Authority and the North Tyrrhenian Sea Ports Authority in the field of green hydrogen. This MoU aims at enhancing cooperation between the two parties to develop a maritime route for transporting green hydrogen and promote clean energy in the Euro-Mediterranean region. It also aims to amplify the role of Damietta Port, alongside the Italian port of Livorno, as prominent ports that can be reinforced with cutting-edge storage and distribution infrastructure to boost this project.

III. Community Participation:

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Damietta Port Authority and Mansoura University. The MoU aims to establish a framework for cooperation between the two parties regarding strengthening ties of cooperation in various fields of engineering, research and avant-garde expertise, localizing and developing them through their partnership and working together to develop and build capacities and human resources by providing practical training opportunities for students of the Faculty of Engineering at Mansoura University in training spots and sites of projects in progress at the port in order to familiarize them with cutting-edge technologies at projects construction sites and to link the academic and practical aspects for students in a way that serves their research and studies, in addition to benefiting from the exchange of expertise, the transfer of science and technology, and the exchange of visits, which will benefit both parties.
- A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Damietta Port Authority and Beni Suef University; namely "The Faculty of Navigation Sciences and Space Technology", with the aim of enhancing cooperation and creating A Visit Exchange Program between the two parties regarding mutually benefiting from expertise, knowledge transfer, localization, and advancing groundbreaking sciences, technology, and expertise for the benefit of both parties.

Ministry of Transport

(11) Training and Human Resources Development in 2024

■ Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector (MTLS):

- A specialist functions group, "The Qualitative Group for Supervisory Management Posts," was created in accordance with the regulatory decrees issued by the Head of the Central Agency for Organization and Administration, and the Minister of Transport. Five (5) posts were appointed for supervisory management positions in the Sector (as the first governmental agency at the State's administrative level).
- A specialist functions group, "The Qualitative Group for Advisory Posts," was created in the Sector's Occupations Chart, and the Sector's Main Competencies were updated within the framework of "The Restructuring Study for the Maritime Transport and Logistics Sector".
- Trainees for the year 2024 reached (30) apprentices, including (8) external scholarships (4 in China / 4 in Japan) apportioned among the affiliated Port Authorities (3 Alexandria Port Authority / 4 Damietta Port Authority / 1 Red Sea Ports Authority). In addition to 14 trainees from the Maritime Transport And Logistics Sector received internal training at the Ports Training Institute, along with (7) online trainees from the Sector.

■ The Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety (EAMS):

- Establishing (4) administrative divisions for the Flag State Control Branches (Shalateen, Burullus, Arish, and Port Said).
- Establishing (4) administrative divisions within the General Department of Legal Affairs, upgrading them to a Central Departments.
- Approving (17) job description cards for the qualitative group of leadership positions.
- Identifying those eligible for promotion, implementing refresher workshops for eligible employees, and conducting the necessary assessments in areas of specialization, including English language and computer science.
- The number of trainees at The Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety for the year 2024 reached (197), including (8) external scholarships, as well as internal training at the Ports Training Institute, totaling 60 trainees, in addition to (62) online trainees.

■ **Damietta Port Authority:**

- In cooperation with the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport;(AASTMT), and the Institute of Maritime Graduate Studies, Port Authority employees have obtained professional Master's Degrees specializing in Maritime Transport Economics, Logistics, and Port Management. (60) Employees have registered to obtain Master's Degrees, and 21 have registered to obtain Doctoral Degrees in the same fields.
- Damietta Port Authority has provided practical training opportunities for 165 university and institute graduates and 1,300 university students at practical training sites and projects under construction at the port. This provides students with exposure to state-of-the-art technologies at the construction sites and allows them to link academic and practical aspects of knowledge.