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**Q. Why have you decided to stand for election as Secretary General?**

**A.** The government of my country recommended me for this very important international position and it is well known that Saudi Arabia has developed in all directions including the marine industry. I believe my qualifications and experience, both practical and academic, will support me in the active participation of all aspects of the IMO. My present appointment as Secretary General of the Islamic Shipowners' Association has given me the opportunity of working within the international communities in conducting conferences. And I believe that this has also augmented my experience and confidence. It has also increased my understanding of the mentality and thinking of other countries. All this will be of definite assistance in IMO activities.

**Q. What do you think you can offer the organisation?**

**A.** I will do my best to exert every concessional offer to achieve the admission of the largest number of countries to the IMO and their adherence to its treaties and conventions. The IMO was created to meet objectives and I will do my best to have these objectives realised and enhance the standards for the protection of the marine environment from pollution. I will also concentrate

**Ghazi Othman Nazer is Saudi Arabia's candidate in the forthcoming election for the new Secretary General of the International Maritime Organisation. Lloyd's List was unable to interview Mr Nazer personally, but he has answered a list of questions. We publish an edited version.**



■ Saudi Arabia's candidate, Ghazi Othman Nazer (left), is 50 and has been Secretary General of the Association of Islamic Shipowners since 1986. Educated in Saudi Arabia, Lebanon and West Germany, he was assistant to the commercial attaché at the Austrian embassy in Jeddah from 1967 to 1974. He is managing director and partner of Fayez Trading Shipping and Contracting Company and a board member of the National Shipping Corporation of Saudi Arabia. He represents shipping agencies on the consultative board of Jeddah port.

on increasing the efficiency of personnel on board and in the shipping industry to ensure that concentrated efforts will be made to realise the IMO principle of safe navigation and clean seas. Training of personnel, both on board and ashore, is paramount.

**Q. If elected, what changes would you implement and what policies would you pursue?**

**A.** As our industry is ongoing in development, with new materials to be carried and new designs to be evaluated, it is my earnest desire to continue the role of IMO

in marine safety and marine environment protection in all aspects, utilising the new developments in the shipping industry.

I wish to stimulate technical co-operation and expand the consultancy services provided to the developing countries in the area of maritime organisation, safe navigation and marine safety in all aspects. I also wish that a long-term strategy be formulated in order to raise the efficiency of the various marine cadres through the establishment and expansion of the technical and rehabilitation institutes and marine academies at national and regional level.

**Q. How would you cope with the budget problem?**

**A.** There is an improvement in the freight rates and therefore in the income of shipping companies which will affect the income of IMO in a positive sense. The only solution for such financial crises is the rationalising of expenses and for an organisation such as IMO to look for contributions, be they financial or technical, from the wealthy countries with maritime interests and also from shipping organisations, and with technical advice from shipping companies. This would help to overcome any temporary budget deficit. I will endeavour to attract and encourage more countries to join our organisation.

**Q. Do you see possibilities for greater co-operation with other UN agencies?**

**A.** As a wholly international industry I expect to have full co-operation with ILO and Unctad in relation to maritime transport and insurance and safety of personnel, ashore and on board. I also wish to see the excellent co-operation which now exists with all relevant organisations of the United Nations organisation to continue and develop further as our activities complement one another. For whatever serves UN agencies in the main, serves the objectives and policies of IMO.

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