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Born in Heliopolis, Cairo, Egypt, on 9 June 1933.

Licencié en droit of the University of Cairo (1954). Postgraduate studies in law, economics and politics at the Universities of Cairo (D.E.S. in Private law and Public law), Paris, Michigan (M.A. Econ.), Harvard (LL.M., S.J.D.), Cambridge and Geneva (Doctor of Political Science). Diploma of the Hague Academy of International Law. Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, Free University of Brussels (ULB).

Member of the Institute of International Law (since 1981).

Professor of International Law at the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, from 1969 to 2000 (having taught there since 1963). Honorary Professor from September 2000.

Member (and former Chairman) of the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization (since 2000).

Member of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Monetary Fund and of various international arbitral tribunals (ICSID, ICC, etc.).

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Consultant to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the preparation of his first two reports on “Respect of Human Rights in Armed Conflict” (1969 and 1970); and of his report on the “Progressive Development of Principles and Norms of International Law relating to the New International Economic Order” (1984).

Member of the Egyptian delegation to the Conference of Governments Experts (1972) and the Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law Applicable in Armed Conflicts (1974-1977).

Counsel and advocate of numerous governments in international litigation, including :

- the Tunisian Government before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the case concerning the *Continental Shelf (Tunisia /Libyan Arab Republic)*;
- the Egyptian Government in the arbitration on the *Frontier Dispute (Taba) (Egypt/Israel)*; in the consultative proceedings before the ICJ on the *Interpretation of the Agreement of 25 March 1951 between the World Health Organization and Egypt*; and in the Advisory Proceedings on the *Legality of the Use by a State of Nuclear Weapons in Armed Conflict* and the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;
- the Nigerian Government before the ICJ in the case concerning the *Land and Maritime Boundary between Cameroon and Nigeria*;
- the Palestinian Authority in the consultative proceedings before the ICJ on the *Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory*.

Judge *ad hoc* of the International Court of Justice in the case concerning the *Frontier Dispute (Burkina Faso/Republic of Mali)*; and in the case concerning the *Territorial Dispute (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya/Chad)*.

Sometime Judge on the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda and Commissioner on the United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC).

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Visiting Professorships, *inter alia* at Harvard Law School, 1969; University of Jordan, 1974; University of Tunis, 1974; University of the west Indies (Trinidad), 1976;

“Fulbright Fortieth Anniversary Distinguished Lecturer” in American Universities, 1987; holder of the “Chaire Henri Rolin” in Belgian Universities, 1993-1994; Rennert Distinguished Professor in the Global Law School Program, NYU School of Law, 1998 (also Global Professor 1996).

Author of numerous books and articles, including *Les exceptions préliminaires dans la procédure de la Cour internationale : Etude des notions fondamentales de procédure et des moyens de leur mise en oeuvre* (Paris, Pedone, 1967); *International Crises and the Role of Law : the United Nations Operation in the Congo 1960-1964* (OUP, 1978); *The Concept of International Organization* (as editor) (Paris, UNESCO, 1981; French edition 1980); and two courses at the Hague Academy of International Law : “Wars of National Liberation in the Geneva Conventions and Protocols” (*Recueil des Cours*, vol. 165, 1979-IV) and the General Course of Public International Law (in French) (*Recueil des Cours*, vol. 207, 1987-VII).