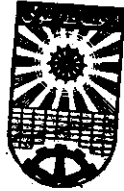


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## FOREWORD

The Institute of National Planning, continuing its main objective of handling scientifically and contemporary national development problems, has managed since December 1977 to publish socio-economic researchs within a series entitled "Planning and Development Cases in Egypt". Fourteen researchs of this series have been issued till now tackling a varied latitude of problems in that field. I would like to introduce here this study on the Development of the Egyptian National Commercial Fleet.

Since the late sixties, the problems of the maritime transportation sector in general, and the National Fleet in particular have been focussed on, therefore, they need considerable attention for many reasons. This sector has a direct impact on the cost of transporting the Egyptian foreign trade and consequently affects our balance of payment. In spite of the great efforts taken in the last decade to overcome the difficulties that confronted the national fleet, we find that the contribution of the national-flag ships in transporting foreign trade are still at exceedingly low levels. This indicator needs reassessment of the whole condition and its underlying factors.


Before beginning to prepare this study, it was clear that the problem to be coped with is not an easy one. The interdependencies and interrelationships among the managerial as well

as the planning aspects of the problems make it far reaching solution. Therefore, it was decided that this study should handle and limit itself to the planning aspects only. It was also decided that it should deal with the problems on a wide scope and on the national level, trying to connect all related activities such as the domestic shipbuilding capabilities, the national cargo brokering agencies, foreign trade forecasts...etc., into one entity liable for systematic analysis and treatment. To attain this objective a mathematical model is built with fundamental goal of formulating the main features at a medium range plan for the sector till 1985.

I hope that this study will stimulate discussion about the problems dealt with and the analytical framework devised for its solution, so that we can help our maritime transportation sector in paving its road towards overcoming all problems. We also hope to make use of these discussions in strengthening our planning tools.

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