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Union of Comoros Islands appoints Shipping Expert to IMO

First Permanent Representative for Island States



The Union of Comoros Islands, located off the coast of Africa, has this week appointed Sarosh Zaiwalla as their Permanent Representative to the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The IMO is the only United Nations' body based in the UK, and is a specialized agency with responsibility for the safety and security of shipping and the prevention of marine pollution by ships.

Mr. Zaiwalla is the senior partner of London-based [Zaiwalla & Co Solicitors](#). He is a former member of the International Court of Arbitration of the ICC in Paris and a practicing international arbitrator with prior involvement in over a thousand international commercial and maritime arbitrations.

Sarosh Zaiwalla said:

“I am delighted and honoured by the trust the Government of the Comoros Islands has placed in me. It will give me an opportunity to contribute to the IMO’s deliberation from my several years of experience in the maritime industry”.

Mr. Akram Shaikh, Commissioner of Maritime Affairs Union of Comoros, said:

“There is now a general interest in Africa and this is the first time that a small island nation of Africa has appointed a Permanent Member to represent their country at the IMO, and we have chosen an eminent British Maritime Solicitor to represent Comoros. The Maritime Affairs, Union of Comoros is very pleased and extremely honoured to have made the appointment of our learned friend, Mr. Sarosh Zaiwalla, as its Permanent Representative to the IMO.

“With this status as the Commissioner of Maritime Affairs, I can now state that our position at the IMO will only be further strengthened in manifold protocol, with the immense skill and experience that Mr. Zaiwalla carries with him through his active involvement in over 1000 successful international commercial and maritime arbitrations.”

(pic: Sarosh Zaiwalla)

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