Nabil Elaraby is currently the secretary-general of the League of Arab States. Prior to his appointment to the Arab League in July 2011, Elaraby was the Egyptian minister of foreign affairs from March to June 2011. He has also served as a permanent representative to the UN office in Geneva (1987 - 1991), permanent representative to the UN headquarters in New York (1991 - 1999), member of the UN International Law Commission (1994 - 2004), president of the Security Council (1996), judge at the International Court of Justice (2001 - 2006) and director of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (2008 to 2011). Elaraby was Egypt’s legal adviser to the Camp David Middle East Peace Conference in 1978. In addition, he was head of the Egyptian delegation to the Taba dispute negotiations from 1986 to 1988, while serving as the legal adviser and director in the Legal and Treaties Department of the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1976 to 1978; 1983 to 1987).