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Quarterly Progress Report for the period
1 April to 30 June 1973
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for the above-mentioned period.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. A. A. Farah
Commissioner for Technical Co-operation
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Quarterly Progress Report
by the
Resident Representative
for the period: 1 April to 30 June 1973

Attachment: Information copy of
Project Manager's
Progress Report
attached

15 July 1973

Country:	Arab Republic of Egypt	Date field work started:	28 Feb. 1972
Project Code:	REM/71/286	Date operations officially authorized to commence:	Not Yet
Counterpart Agency:	Ministry of Maritime Transport (ARE)	Scheduled date completion of field work:	28 Feb. 1977
Date Project Document signed:	Not Yet	Reporting period:	1 April - 30 June 1973

I. Current Status of Project

<u>Name and Nationality</u>	<u>Expert Post</u>	<u>Arrival Date</u>
M. Zaka Ullah (Pakistan)	Project Manager	28.2.1972

1. The Project Document has been finalized by IMCO together with the Project Manager and was transmitted to UNDP Headquarters in May 1973. Early June, UNDP authorized IMCO to proceed with the recruitment of international experts, procurement of equipment and processing of fellowships budgetted for 1973.

2. The candidature for the expert post of Chief Marine Engineering Studies, who was finally cleared by the Government is not available anymore, and IMCO in consultation with the Project Manager, is preparing a panel of candidates for submission to the Government. The Chief Nautical Expert is due to arrive around August/September while the Nautical Lecturer is not needed before February 1974. Also UNCTAD has nominated two panels of three candidates each for the two posts of Port Expert and Shipping Expert as well as a candidate for the post of Maritime Transport Economist. It is understood that the candidate for the Shipping Expert post has been cleared by competent authorities, whereas candidature for the post of Maritime Economist was not accepted.

3. Detailed lists of equipment covering all aspects of training apart from marine engineering and workshop equipment were prepared and submitted by the Project Manager to IMCO for procurement. In this connexion, the equipment officer of the Technical Co-operation Division at IMCO, visited the project early July and had detailed discussions with the Project Manager on specifications and priorities.

4. The progress of the construction work during the reporting period was slow. So far, 70% of the foundation laying for the Nautical Studies College has been finished. Piling has been completed on the Sea-men School and the Maritime Transport College, whereas about 25% of piling work has yet to be completed on the residential blocks. These imply that there will be a delay of about two to three months in the building programme. It is, thus, expected that the Nautical Studies College will be ready by the end of 1973, while the Maritime Transport College and Sea-men School will not be finished before March 1974.

5. Piling on the Cadet College is scheduled to start in October 1973. Also boring tests started in the area specified for the engineering workshop and piling is expected to commence September 1973. Two piling machines, at present, are operating, a third is under installation and the fourth is under repair.

6. In spite of the fact that the order of priorities has been set out for the building programme, yet the programme has been somewhat flexible as to allow the contracting company to initiate piling and construction activities contingent upon the result of boring tests. In the light of the progress realized so far, it is felt that the deadline for the building programme as set out in the draft Project Document may extend beyond 1974.

7. Two consulting firms were approached with a view to carrying out a detailed survey of the adjoining sea area in order to recommend the position and design of the jetty required for the Institute.

8. Training of shore based personnel, sea farers and cadets is being continued at the commercial section of the Naval Academy, the local Commercial Institute, and the Up-grading School for Master, Mates and Engineers. Some 376 students from Egypt (204), Libya (101), Kuwait (20), Iraq (29), Palestine (10), Yemen (6), Sudan (4) and Syria (2), received training in the different disciplines during the reporting period. A new aspect of the training conducted during this period was introduced at the request of Libya to qualify Libyan trainees as diesel mechanics, fitters and welders. To cope with this, arrangements were made to provide facilities in co-operation with the dockyard under counterpart supervision.

II. Project Assessment

9. The overall progress of the project has been slow. Since the Project Manager arrived in Alexandria in February 1972, not much tangible accomplishment has been made by the project due to the delay in the signature of the Project Document and in the construction of the building.

10. In addition, there are two points which require our close attention, namely: (a) the problem of assuring the regional character of the Institute and (b) the establishment of a research department:

(a) Regional Character of the Project and Cash Contribution

In terms of cash contribution pledged by the participating countries, which totalled so far US\$1,602,000 and in the absence of criteria identifying shares and responsibilities of these countries, the project activities are handicapped since the contributions already deposited by Kuwait, Libya, Iraq and South Yemen amounted to only US\$642,000. As reported earlier, Syria and Sudan have not as yet indicated their financial contribution to the running expenses of the project. It is therefore, desirable that representations to these Governments be made by UNDP and IMCO through the Resident Representatives in Damascus and Khartoum. The question of training cadets from some of the participating countries where insufficient number of students with the minimum required educational background, for entry into the cadet college exists, was further discussed with the Project Manager and his counterparts. The Project Manager is of the opinion that this situation can possibly be overcome through organizing special preparatory courses of six to nine months to prepare trainees to follow the normal cadet training. During this period, a Senior Lecturer counterpart from Syria was appointed whose salary is borne by the Syrian Government.

(b) Research Department

The new draft Project Document has provided for the establishment of a research department geared towards assisting the participating countries in identifying their fleet requirements and indicating growth projections. This is fully justified since most of these countries are not capable of conducting such studies, due to lack of qualified personnel, and the fact that training programmes of the project should be related to the expansion projections for their fleets. To be up-to-date with the latest developments in this field, the Document has also maintained that a central reference library be provided, thus replacing the previous arrangements for annexing individual reference library to each department.

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Dear Mr. Pavicic,

REM/71/286 - Regional Maritime Training Institute,
Alexandria, Quarterly Progress Report, Jan - March 1973

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of 17 April, 1973 to Mr. Farah, and accompanying Quarterly Progress Reports for the period 1 Jan - 31 March 1973.

The reports will be circulated to the offices concerned for information and comments, if any.

Yours sincerely,

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Institute, Alexandria

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I. Current Status of Project

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M. Zakauallah (Pakistan)	Project Manager	23.2.72

1. A final draft of the Project Document has been prepared by the Project Manager along the comments of UNDP. The Project Manager is scheduled to visit IMCO Headquarters on 14 April 1973 to finalize the document.

2. Construction work is progressing satisfactorily. Piling and levelling has almost been completed in so far as the two main buildings of Nautical Studies and Maritime Studies Colleges are concerned. It is expected that construction of buildings for these two colleges will be completed as scheduled. Work is now under-way to install an additional piling machine to expedite laying the foundations for other blocks. It is anticipated that the project will move to the new site in September 1973. Training of shore based personnel, sea farers and cadets is under-way at the commercial section of the navel academy for engineers and cadet officers, the local Commercial Institute, the Upgrading School for Masters, Mates and Engineers. Without international experts and training equipment, the project is not in a position to contribute much to the training programmes. Some 256 students, from Egypt (163), Kuwait (23), Libya (28), Iraq (23), Sudan (3), Syria (4), Yemen (6) and Palestine (9) received training in the different disciplines during the reporting period. The Government of the ARE has assigned to the academy, as part of its contribution, seven senior counterparts and three senior administrative staff as well as five junior technical and thirty junior administrative staff.

3. Candidates for the posts of Chief Marine Engineer Studies, Chief Lecturer (Nautical) and Lecturer (Nautical) have been cleared by the Government and are expected to arrive by September 1973. The candidate for the expert post of Maritime Transport Economist has been technically approved by the Government, final clearance is expected soon. Nomination for the post of Shipping Expert has been submitted to the Government recently.

4. Some nautical publications and charts were supplied to the project by IMCO. The main lists of equipment submitted to IMCO and UNDP have not been procured pending the finalization of the Project Document.

5. Arrangements have been made by the Academy to send three counterparts to the UK on fellowships under the counterpart contribution to qualify two of them for two fellowships under the project due to commence in September 1973. However, participating Governments have been officially informed of the details of the fellowship programme and were requested to nominate suitable candidates.

II. Project Assessment

6. The Board of Administrators held its third meeting in Alexandria during the period 24 to 28 March 1973, which was attended by the representatives of all participating countries and one observer from Bahrain. Foremost among the items on the agenda of the meeting, were the construction work and contributions by the participating countries. It is estimated that the cost of building will amount to LE 3,341,500 of which LE 641,000 were allocated for 1972 and LE 200,000 were made available for the first quarter of 1973.

7. Although some countries expressed their willingness to support the construction work of the academy it has been indicated to all parties concerned that the Government of the ARE will comply with its obligations towards the provision of buildings and other physical facilities involved. However, it is felt that the allocations already made available are in excess of the work carried out by the contractors.

8. As regards the question of contributions pledged by the participating countries, Kuwait has agreed to contribute up to US\$ 600,000 of which US\$ 240,000 will be deposited as a first installment during April 1973. As of 31 March 1973, the total contributions pledged by Iraq, Kuwait, Libya and South Yemen during the lifetime of the project totalled US\$ 1,602,000. Of this amount Libya has transferred the sum of US\$ 200,000 which is 2/5 of its contribution to the counterpart budget of the project. Although Iraq promised at an earlier date to deposit the amount of US\$ 70,000 for 1972 and US\$ 100,000 for 1973, the project has received only \$50,000. The participation and interest of the Governments of Syria and Sudan should be clearly identified. Although the project meets with the approval of most of the Arab countries, its activities are, nevertheless, handicapped due to the shortage of funds. To ensure continuity of project activities, and realize the truly regional character of the project, there should be a criteria for identifying shares of each participating country in relation to its needs and the services offered by the project. In this connexion, as this academy is now an integral part of the Arab League system, the regional character and continuity of the project after the termination of the UNDP assistance will be ensured. This would fortunately relieve the project from going through the cumbersome procedures of getting in touch with each individual country in regard to financial contributions as this will be the responsibility of the Arab League. Also this would enable the academy to apply the Arab League salary scale to its staff.

9. However, the question of assigning a number of fellowships yearly to trainees from each participating country, should be carefully examined in the light of the needs of each country and the available facilities. In this regard, it is planned that a charter for the academy will be produced by 1975 defining contributions by countries and services extended to each of them.

10. A tour to a number of Mediterranean countries will be made soon by the Director-General of the academy, with a view to linking the project with a mother institute that would best serve the objectives of the project. This would no doubt help the academy to realize its status as the nucleus of a maritime nautical academy.