Dr. Sameh Ahmed Zaky Elhefny was appointed Representative of Egypt on the ICAO Council on 9 January 2022. Dr. Elhefny is an experienced Professional Aviation Expert with 35 years of diversified experience in the aviation industry, including several years of senior management experience.

He was the President of the Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority as well as the Chairman and CEO of EgyptAir Holding Company and Chairman of Egyptian Aviation Academy.

Dr. Elhefny has served as member on several Executive Committees and Boards, such as IATA Board of Governors (BOG), Star Alliance Board of Directors, Egyptian Holding Company for Airports & Air Navigation (EHCAAN) Board, Cairo Airport Company (CAC) Board and Executive Committee of Arab Air-Carrier Organization (AACO) to name a few.

Dr. Elhefny holds a PhD in Aviation Crisis Management, Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Aerospace Management, MPA in Public Administration from the Arab Academy for Science & Technology, BA in Business Administration from the Ain Shams University and a Bachelor's in Aviation Science Management from the Egyptian Aviation Academy.

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