

**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE SIXTH  
GENERAL MEETING  
(CONCLUDING SESSION)  
HELD ON SATURDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2006  
AT 06:00 P.M.**

**H. E. Mr. Narinder Singh, President of  
the Forty-Fifth Session in the Chair.**

1. The President formally called to order the Sixth General Meeting. He invited the Delegates of Malaysia, South Africa, Holy See and UNHCR to propose vote of thanks on behalf of the Asian, African Member States, Observer Non-Member States and Inter-governmental Organizations, respectively participating in the Forty-Fifth Session of AALCO.

2. **Statement by Leader of the  
Delegation of Malaysia Hon'ble  
Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail on  
behalf of Asian Member States**

Mr. President, Mr. Vice President,  
His Excellency Secretary-General of  
AALCO, Excellencies, Ladies and  
Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Asian member States of AALCO, it is my privilege to place on record our highest appreciation to ensure the success of the Forty-Fifth Session and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. In particular, we wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the untiring contribution of Amb. Kamil who has given his personal attention to attend to all the minute details of all arrangements. From my personal experience in organizing the CPIL regional seminar, I know, it is not an easy task to take a responsibility. On behalf of the Asian Member States, I am also entrusted to record our collective appreciation to the Government of India for the financial and other support to the AALCO, since its inception and its support to AALCO's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. We congratulate the AALCO on its new headquarters building. We all were privileged to

participate in its Inaugural Ceremony. We hope that the AALCO Secretariat will keep on growing in strength and we provide firm support to expanding work and responsibilities of AALCO as an intra-regional legal body. Mr. President, I remain assured by your kind assurances to ensure that AALCO headquarters would be completed in time and be fit for occupancy. May I take this opportunity to once again reiterate Malaysia's invitation to all AALCO Member States and Secretary-General, and Deputy Secretaries-General to join a meeting of the international experts on Human Rights and Islam which would be held in Kuala Lumpur from 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2006. Mr. President, Mr. Vice President, Excellency Secretary-General Amb. Kamil, once again please accept our deepest appreciation.

3. **Statement by the Delegate of  
South Africa on behalf of African  
Member States**

Your Excellency Secretary General Kamil,  
Excellency Dr. Singh, President of the  
Forty-Fifth Session of AALCO,

On behalf of the African region we congratulate AALCO, your Excellencies, and all other people responsible for organizing the Forty-Fifth Session. We also join the Asia region in congratulating the Government of India not only for hosting the auspicious gathering but also for providing a permanent building for AALCO. Thank you.

4. **Statement by the Observer  
Delegate of Holy See on behalf of  
the Non-Member States**

Mr. President, Vice President, His Excellency Dr. Kamil and distinguished delegates and your Excellencies, I take this opportunity and on behalf of the Observer State to thank the AALCO for inviting us to participate in this Golden Jubilee Session. It is a great opportunity for us to learn about the functioning of AALCO even though we

are silent spectators, we are greatly benefited by the Session. We thank the Secretary-General and the Secretariat for conducting the Session in a very efficient manner and also for the new secretariat office. We on behalf of the Observers, take this opportunity to thank Government of India for providing the headquarters and we hope that very soon all the problems will be solved and the headquarters will start from the new premises. We also on behalf of the Observers thank all the Excellencies and the delegates from the Member States for the excellent participation and the debates and discussions in the Session. Finally, Mr. President I conclude by referring to a Latin maxim, *finit lectio maneat questio*, which means while the lecture finishes the questions still remain. We hope and trust that the questions, which are yet to be solved, will be solved during the subsequent Sessions and we are all grateful to AALCO. Thank you Mr. President.

**5. Statement by the Delegate of UNHCR on behalf of Inter-governmental Organizations attending the Forty-Fifth Session**

Mr. President, Vice President, Your Excellencies Dr. Amb. Kamil and all representatives and Ladies and Gentlemen, on behalf of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and also on behalf of the International Organizations that participated here this week, I would like to express my deep appreciation to the AALCO for the opportunity to have a Special Session here this week and for the efforts that were put in reviewing the needs and issues relevant and significant area of the world starting from South Africa to Japan. I would like to commend the Drafting Committee under the leadership of Dr. Gandhi which has developed several resolutions adopted here today which are forward looking and lay down the frame work for discussions and the activities in the months and years we had. I would like to thank in particular Amb. Kamil for his initiative in this ground-breaking Session on

issues of Statelessness and other issues raised in the course of this week. I would like to comment on his leadership with the Members of his Secretariat who have been working hard this week. I would also like to congratulate today to AALCO for its Golden Jubilee here in New Delhi with the grand inaugural ceremony of the new building. I believe this would help in bringing together all of the States to discuss co-operation on this important issues. So, I congratulate AALCO and look to the future follow up and the matter has been discussed this week and special appreciation to the Secretary-General and all of you here today and to the Government of India for holding this Session.

**6. Concluding Remarks of H. E. Mr. Narinder Singh, President of the Forty-Fifth Session**

Thank you for your statement and for the kind words of appreciation to the Government of India. Well, I would like to thank all the Member States and this Session for the confidence they reposed in me for chairing this Session and for guiding the work of the AALCO, during the Session and for the next year until the Forty-Sixth Annual Session which will be held in Khartoum. In particular I thank Mr. Amos Wako, the outgoing President, Attorney General of Kenya for giving of his post of President, which he could have continued until the next Session. I thank the outgoing President as also the outgoing Vice President from Malaysia for guiding the work of the AALCO during the last year since the Forty-Fourth Session and also for guiding for preparation for the present Session.

In particular, I would like to thank Mr. Vincent Lyimo, the Vice President for this Session who has taken the burden of chairing the number of Sessions when I had to be away. I thank the Secretary-General and the Staff of the Secretariat for their excellent preparations made for the Session both in regard to the administrative

arrangements as well as the preparations of documents and for the smooth conduct of the Session. The quality of the documents has been appreciated by all delegations and once again I congratulate the Secretary-General and staff for the good work they have been doing. I also congratulate the Member States on the high level and high quality of their participation during the consideration of the various Agenda items. All of this led to very fruitful discussions and to make progress on the number of different agenda items, which we have discussed. Excellencies at this Session 39 Member States were represented as well as many Observer States and number of International Organizations, a number of delegations were led by the Attornies-General, Senior officials including the Heads of the delegations.

I am grateful to all these delegations for the interest they have taken and shown in the work of the Organization and particularly I thank the Honourable Minister of Justice and the Attorney Generals and Senior Officials for taking time from their busy schedules to attend this annual Session of AALCO which was the Golden Jubilee Session and for contributing to the quality of a work. Their participation and the time they have given us shows the importance that they attach to the work of AALCO. I also thank the International Organizations for their participations and here also we had the representatives at very senior level including the Vice President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and I thank them for the interest shown by them in the work of the Organization. I also wish to thank the Observer States which participated in our Annual Session showing the interest in the topics which we have been discussing and also in the views which are being expressed in our Annual Session and also for contributing to some other discussion on the various agenda items. In particular I would like to thank those who participated in the work of the Drafting Committee as well as Dr. Gandhi who chaired the meetings of the Drafting

Committee, all those who took part in the work of the Drafting Committee including the Secretariat, have had to work harder than the rest of us, because they had to meet early in the mornings and late in the evenings after the other delegations had finished their discussions and their dedication and effort has enabled us to complete the consideration of all the documentation, the summary records as well as the adoption of the resolutions. And I thank once again them for their special effort which all of them have put in. In particular I would also like to express my gratitude to UNHCR, the ICRC and the IOM who contributed to making possible the special meetings which we had during the Session. I also thank the various experts and distinguished speakers who made presentations during those special meetings.

I also wish to thank the interpreters who performed a very difficult task and very important task because it is they who make it possible for us to understand each other and make sense of what we say. And sometime it is very difficult for the interpreters to interpret what we are talking. In addition, I would also like to thank the Hotel Staff and all the others who have facilitated the smooth conduct of our Annual Session. Coming to the end but not the least important I wish to once again thank the Government of Sudan for reconfirming their invitation to AALCO to host the next Session that is the Forty-Sixth Annual Session at Khartoum in Sudan. Tomorrow a number of delegations will be going for sight-seeing visit to Agra and I wish them a good trip, although the weather is very warm now and this is not the best season for the sight seeing but any way I hope they will enjoy the visit to Agra and enjoy the sites. The Secretary-General has asked me to announce that the bus for Agra will leave at 6.00 a.m. in the morning from this hotel. I wish all delegates a safe journey home, some of you may be leaving earlier tomorrow and some may be leaving after the site seeing. I wish all of you safe journey home. I thank you for all for your

participation and for the kind support and co-operation which you have extended to me in my capacity as the President and I look forward to meeting you at the next Annual Session in Khartoum. With this I close the Session.