

**XIII. SUMMARY RECORD OF
THE SIXTH GENERAL MEETING
(CONCLUDING SESSION)
HELD ON FRIDAY, 6TH JULY 2007
AT 6:30 PM**

Her Excellency Mrs. Brigitte Sylvia Mabandla, President of the Forty-Sixth Session in the Chair.

1. The **President** formally called to order the Sixth General Meeting. She invited the Delegates of Uganda, Republic of Indonesia, Lesotho and UNEP to propose a vote of thanks on behalf of the African, Asian, Non-Member Observer States and Intergovernmental Organizations respectively participating in the Forty-Sixth Session of AALCO.

2. Statement by the Leader of Delegation of Uganda on behalf of the African Member States

Madam President Hon'ble Sylvia Brigitte Mabandla, MP and Minister for Justice and Constitutional Development, Republic of South Africa, Your Excellency Vice President, Hon'ble Eddy Pratomo, Director of International Treaties Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Republic of Indonesia, Excellency Amb. Dr. Wafik Zaher Kamil, Secretary-General of AALCO, Your DSG's, the Hon'ble Ministers present, Your Excellencies, Distinguished participants, the unsung heroes of Drafting Committee who made this work a very big success.

Distinguished participants, as a departure from practice, allow me to speak from my heart, because I do not have a written speech. Unlike the ancient fighter who said, I came, I saw, I

conquered. With me, allow me to say that I came, I saw and I was conquered. First, I was conquered by the love, then the hospitality of our hosts and then by the organizational framework of this meeting made possible by the Secretary-General and his team. The hospitality, love of the host country, our Host minister, our Host President, I don't think we have words to express our gratitude. I have travelled many places. I have attended many seminars and most of my colleagues particularly those who are asked to speak from the African region will agree with me that I don't know how we shall ever pay back that. We thank you so much.

Madam President, this is a conference on legal intercourse, the intercourse on legal matters. Changing the way, we will be doing things in order to make the world a better place to live in, and then we found it to create among neighbourhood environment, to create prosperity, unity. As I said before, we may be different ideologically, we may be different in terms of tribal background, religious background, but certainly we are united in the quest for peace, quest for development and the quest for unity. The lawyers who are here know very well that our public image has never been better. Let me give an example. A very brilliant engineer died and when he died unfortunately, he went to hell. And when he was in the hell, he fixed the sewage system of hell and it started working very well. The sanitary infrastructure started shining and everything started glittering in hell and God glanced there and realized that the engineer was not supposed to be in hell but in heaven. So he rang Satan and said release that man immediately, so that he can live in heaven. Satan said forget it,

he will never be with you, he will be here. So God said if that is the case, I am taking it to the Court; I am going to sue you. Then Satan said, you could go ahead and sue me, but who will represent you in court, because all the lawyers are at this end. That is the image everybody has about the lawyers. Among the public, it is up to us to make sure we change that image for the better. Let me tell you that we in AALCO, this Organization, to me the unity I found here, the love should be maintained and it should be broadened. And that also reminds me that two fellows went in to national park, when they started walking, a lion approached them and one of them started putting up his running gumboots to begin taking off. The other fellow said you must be dumped, who said you can leave the lion, can you run faster than the lion. And the other one said who says I want to leave the lion, I want to leave you.

Madam President, We are committed to the resolutions of this meeting, we are committed to their implementation, and we are committed to continuing the work together in solidarity. Thank you so much.

3. Statement by the Leader of Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia on behalf of Asian Member States

President of the Forty-Sixth Annual meeting of AALCO, Her Excellency Madam Brigitte Sylvia Mabandla, Secretary-General of AALCO, His Excellency Dr. Wafik Z. Kamil, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Asian Countries delegates that had participated at this Forty-Sixth Session of the AALCO, I would like to congratulate Your Excellency for the wisdom and guidance throughout the session. Under your able leadership, the deliberations of each agenda were conducted in fruitful and beneficial manner and achieved complete success.

Let me also express my profound appreciation for the efforts made by the Secretary-General of AALCO and the Secretariat for the well organized preparation of this important session including, the early dissemination of documents for discussion.

I would also like to convey sincere gratitude to the Government of the Republic of South Africa for the warm welcome and gracious hospitality shown to all delegates.

It is our commitment to continue nurturing the excellent relations between the Asian-African nations, which shall be firm basis for our future cooperation in addressing common issues for the benefit of our community. I thank you Madam President.

4. Statement by the Representative of Lesotho on behalf of the Non-Member Observer States

Thank you. Madam President, Vice President, Distinguished Delegates, Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I take this opportunity on behalf of Observer States to thank the AALCO for inviting us to participate in this Forty-

Sixth Session. It was a great opportunity for us to learn about the functioning of the Organization. We have greatly benefited from the Session. We commend the President of AALCO, Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development Ms. Mabandla, the Secretary-General of AALCO and the Secretariat for conducting the Session in an efficient manner.

We also on behalf of the Observers, thank all the Excellencies and delegates from the Member States for the excellent participation, debates and discussions that took place during the session from which we learned a lot. Finally, let me take the opportunity to thank South Africa for your warm hospitality and for organizing the Session very efficiently. I thank you Madam President.

5. Statement by the Representative of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on behalf of the International Organizations

It is a great pleasure for me to give vote of thanks at the end of this important meeting on behalf of the international organizations, which were invited and present in this Forty-Sixth Session.

We appreciate the invitation extended to all of us by AALCO to chair and discuss with Member States those international law issues of relevance to our organizations within our institutional mandates. I am sure I can speak for all invited International Organizations that each of our bodies will continue our commitment to collaborate, assist and support, as appropriate, the work of the Member States here to effectively

developed to force, and implement both at national and regional level their international commitments and obligations as adhered to by the Member States and the Members States agreed to various agreement when they go.

We thank our host, the Government of South Africa for all excellent organizational aspects for this meeting, which made all of us really feel at home. To our President, for your excellent leadership and flexibility shown throughout the week have really facilitated the work of this meeting. To all those behind the scenes, we say thank you so much. To the AALCO Secretariat under the able leadership of Amb. Dr. Wafik Z. Kamil together with him the team we equally support and appreciate the efforts put into place until today. Together we should be able to take the subject of international law with all its components to richer heights for sustainable development. Thank you all.

6. Secretary-General: Madam President, At last we have finished very successfully our work, we have received a great hospitality from the host country. On behalf of the host country I am saying, I am here to arrange the things of all the necessary steps to make the Session a very great success. I have seen how much each and every one in the host committee was really aware of his duty and really aware of how must do his work to make this Session a great success.

Madam President, I would like to tell you on behalf of all of us, it has been a great success, we have really felt how much you have put love and efforts put through the heart to make us all comfortable on all aspects. On behalf of

all my colleagues and on behalf of all the members present here, I thank you and I present you my deepest gratitude on behalf of everybody who is present here.

Now, allow me on behalf of all of you to handover the message to Her Excellency the President of AALCO to the President of the Republic of South Africa.

Since I have the floor Madam President, I wish all the delegates, all the Excellencies, the Hon'ble Ministers, ladies and gentlemen a warm voyage and please return sound and safe to your capitals. We all meet at the next Forty-Seventh Session as united as the Minister for Uganda said we have to unite ourselves. Thank you very much Madam President.

7. **President:** Thank you Secretary-General for your kind words. All the representatives that spoke on behalf of our continent, international organizations, and our sister neighbour country thank you very much for the magnanimity. The session, Forty-Sixth Session is now closed. Thank you very much.

The Meeting was thereafter adjourned.