

**EXPRESSIONS OF FOLKLORE AND ITS INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION**  
*(Non-Deliberated)*

*The Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization at its Fifty-First Annual Session,*

**Considering** the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/51/ABUJA/2012/S 14;

**Recognizing** the importance of protection of the ‘Expressions of Folklore’ for the Asian-African countries;

**Welcoming** the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) General Assembly initiative in establishing an Intergovernmental Committee (IGC) with the objective of reaching agreement on a text of an international legal instrument (or instruments) which will ensure the effective protection of Expressions of Folklore (EoF);

**Also welcoming** the work done by the Intersessional Working Group 1 in developing a legal instrument to protect the EoF:

1. **Expresses** the hope that the WIPO IGC would be able to reach agreement on a text of an international legal instrument (or instruments) which will ensure the effective protection of EoF.
2. **Requests** the Secretary-General to organize an Expert Meeting in cooperation with WIPO or with any other Member State(s), to facilitate the exchange of views by Member States on the issues relevant to the protection of EoF.
3. **Encourages** Member States of AALCO to actively participate in the future work of the agenda item at all the WIPO meetings.
4. **Directs** the Secretariat to follow up the developments within the WIPO IGC on ‘Expressions of Folklore’, and to present the views of the AALCO Member States to the IGC, and
5. **Decides** to place the item on the provisional agenda of the Fifty-Second Annual Session.