

THE STATUS AND TREATMENT OF REFUGEES
(Non-Deliberated)

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

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/50/COLOMBO/2011/S 3;

Reaffirming the importance of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees (the 1951 Convention) together with the 1967 Protocol thereto, as complemented by the Organization of African Unity Convention of 1969, as the cornerstone of the international system for the protection of refugees;

Commending the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for the important contribution which it has made towards the protection of refugees and internally displaced persons, since the establishment of the UNHCR:

Deploring the widespread violations of the principle of non-refoulement and of the rights of refugees in many parts of the world.

1. **Acknowledges** the **desirability** of comprehensive approaches by the international community to the problems of refugees and displaced persons, including addressing root causes, strengthening emergency preparedness and response, providing effective protection and achieving durable solutions;
2. **Calls upon** all States that have not yet done so to ratify/accede to and to implement fully the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of refugees and the 1967 Protocol thereto and other relevant regional instrument as the case may be;
3. **Directs** the Secretariat to explore the possibility to jointly organize a seminar/workshop in collaboration with the UNHCR towards studying the feasibility of drafting a Model Law on Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons in the Asian-African region; and
4. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda at its Fifty-Second Annual Session.