

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON ORGANIZATIONAL,  
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

**Recalling** the functions and purposes of the Organization as stipulated in Article 1 of the Statutes of AALCO;

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary-General on Organizational, Administrative and Financial Matters pursuant to Rule 20 (7) of Statutory Rules as contained in Document No. AALCO/51/ABUJA/2012/ORG 1;

**Having heard** with appreciation the introductory statement of the Secretary-General on the Report of the Secretary-General on Organizational, Administrative and Financial Matters;

**Also having heard** with keen interest and appreciation the statements of the Heads of Delegations of AALCO Member States on the Report of the Secretary-General;

**Appreciating** the efforts of the Secretary-General to enhance the activities of the Organization and to implement its work programme as approved at its Fiftieth Annual Session held in Colombo, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, from 27 June – 1 July 2011;

**Also appreciating** the continued practice towards the rationalization of its work programme, including consideration of the agenda items during its annual sessions;

**Taking note** of the Putrajaya Declaration on Revitalizing and Strengthening the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization; and the Action Plan as explained in Document No. AALCO/ES (NEW DELHI)/2008/ORG.1 adopted by the Extraordinary Session of AALCO Member States held on 1 December 2008, in New Delhi (Headquarters), India;

**Welcoming** the efforts by the Secretary-General for Revitalizing and Strengthening the AALCO;

**Appreciating** the Report of the Chairman on the Second Meeting of the AALCO EPG Eminent Persons Group (EPG) held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2012, at the AALCO Headquarters in New Delhi, and also taking note of the proposals made by Member States during that Meeting;

**Taking note** of the Report of the Chairman of the Sub-Committee of Liaison Officers of AALCO Member States on the AALCO Secretariat's Human Resources and Financial Matters;

**Noting with satisfaction** the increased co-operation between the Organization and the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies, other international organizations and academic institutions:

1. **Approves** the work programme of the Organization as set out in the Report of the Secretary-General and urges Member States to extend their full support to the implementation of that programme;
2. **Requests** the Secretary-General to continue his efforts and explore the ways and means to enlarge the Membership of the Organization in Asia and Africa, in particular, to increase the representation from the African States and Central Asian States;
1. **Endorses** the continuation of the AALCO-EPG and urges it to initiate the necessary follow-up action according to the proposals made at the above mentioned meeting held at the AALCO Headquarters in April 2012;
2. **Further** extends the mandate of the Sub-Committee of Liaison Officers of Member States on the AALCO Secretariat's Human Resources and Financial Matters;
3. **Encourages** the Member States to actively participate in the Sub-Committee of Liaison Officers of Member States on the AALCO Secretariat's Human Resources and Financial Matters so as to enable it to place its Report at the Fifty-Second Session of the Organization;
6. **Encourages** Member States to make voluntary contributions to support the capacity building activities under the approved work programme of the Organization; and
7. **Further requests** the Secretary-General to report on the activities of the Organization at its Fifty-Second Annual Session.