



**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE  
ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (AALCO)  
AT  
Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran from 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

**Sunday, 14 September 2014**

02.30 PM – 07.30 PM	Registration (ESPINAS Hotel)
04.00 PM – 06.00 PM	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) (ESPINAS Hotel)
07.30 PM onwards	Meeting of the Heads of Delegations and Prof. Dr. Rahmat Mohamad, Secretary-General of AALCO at ESPINAS Hotel <b><u>Briefing the Heads of Delegations about main events of the Session</u></b> <b>Followed by Dinner</b> for the Heads of Delegations hosted by SG, at “Le-Chateau Salon”, ESPINAS Hotel.

**Monday, 15 September 2014**

08.00 AM – 09.30 AM	<b>Registration (Conference Hall)</b>
09.30 AM – 11.15 AM	<b>INAUGURAL SESSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Welcome Address by <b>H.E. Prof. Dr. Rahmat Mohamad</b>, Secretary-General, AALCO</li><li>- Address by <b>Dr. Neeru Chadha</b>, Joint Secretary, Legal and Treaties Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and President of the Fifty-Second Annual Session</li></ul>

- **Inaugural Address by Dr. Mohammad Javad Zarif, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Islamic Republic of Iran**
  - Vote of Thanks by **Head of Delegation**, Federal Republic of Nigeria and President of the Fifty-First Annual Session of AALCO
- 11.15 AM – 11.30 AM                      Group Photo with the **Chief Guest** with Heads of Delegations and other dignitaries
- 11.30 AM – 12.00 PM                      *Coffee/Tea Break*
- ORGANIZATIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**
- 12.00 PM – 12.30 PM                      **FIRST MEETING OF THE DELEGATIONS OF THE AALCO MEMBER STATES\***
- Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Tentative Schedule of Meetings and Events
  - Admission of New Members
  - Admission of Observers
  - Election of the President and Vice-President
  - Opening Statement by the President of the Fifty-Third Annual Session
- 12.30 PM – 01.30 PM                      **FIRST GENERAL MEETING<sup>1</sup>**
- General Statements by the Hon'ble Ministers, Heads of Delegations, Member States, Non-Member States, International Organizations and Others
- 01.30 PM – 02.30 PM                      - *Lunch*
- 02.30 PM – 04.00 PM                      - **General Statements (Contd.)**

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\* Participation of Heads of Delegations is necessary in the Meeting of Delegations.

<sup>1</sup> As the Fifty-Third Session is for 4 days it would be preferable that all the statements by the Heads of Delegations are made during the First General Meeting, due to paucity of time each statement should be a maximum of 5-7 minutes.

- 04.00 PM – 04.15 PM - *Coffee/Tea Break*
- 04.15 PM – 06.00 PM - **General Statements** (to be concluded on the First day of the Annual Session)
- Working Group on “Identification of Customary International Law”** (WG group shall meet parallel to the Plenary in the after lunch session on 15 September 2014)
- 07.30 PM onwards **Welcome Dinner hosted by the Government of Islamic Republic of Iran at Hotel ESPINAS**

<b>Tuesday, 16 September 2014</b>
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- 09.00 AM – 09.30 AM **SECOND GENERAL MEETING**
- Release of AALCO Publications**
- Yearbook of the Asian-African legal Consultative Organization
  - AALCO Journal of International Law
  - Proceeding of the AALCO-UKM Workshop on “Selected Items on the Agenda of the International Law Commission”, held on 29-30 November 2013 at Bangi-Putrajaya, Malaysia
  - Verbatim Record of the Legal Experts Meeting on the Law of the Sea, held on 24-25 February 2014, at the AALCO Headquarters

**ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS FOR DELIBERATION**

- 09.30 AM – 11.00 AM **SECOND MEETING OF THE DELEGATIONS OF THE AALCO MEMBER STATES\***
- Report of the Secretary-General on the Work of the Organization and Financial Matters of AALCO
  - A brief summation on the current financial status of the Organization and future steps required
  - Discussion and Adoption of Draft Budget 2015
- 11.00 AM – 11.15 AM - *Tea/Coffee Break*

**SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION**

**THIRD GENERAL MEETING**

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| 11.15 AM – 12.30 PM | - Environment and Sustainable Development   |
| 12.30 PM – 01.30 PM | - Status and Treatment of Refugees  |
| 01.30 PM – 02.15 PM | - <i>Lunch</i>  |
| 02.15 PM – 05.30 PM | - <b>Special Half-Day Meeting on “Selected Items on the Agenda of the International Law Commission”<sup>2</sup></b> |
|                     | - Immunity of State Officials from Foreign Criminal Jurisdiction  |
|                     | - Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters   |
|                     | - Protection of Atmosphere  |
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| 06.30 PM – 8.30PM   | <b>Reception hosted by H.E. the Ambassador of Japan to Iran at his residence</b>                                    |

<b>Wednesday, 17 September 2014</b>
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| 09.00 AM – 12.15 PM | <b>Topic II</b>  |
|                     | <b>Special Half-Day Meeting on “Violent Extremism &amp; Terrorism” (Legal Aspects)<sup>3</sup></b> |
|                     | Subtopics:   |
|                     | (i) Violent Extremism : an emerging threat and International Law;                                  |
|                     | (A) Fight Against Impunity through Domestic and International Criminal Law Apparatus;              |

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<sup>2</sup> A detailed programme for the same shall be distributed before the meeting.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

- (B) Responsibility of States to Prevent, Investigate and Prosecute Violent Extremism and Acts of Terrorism;
- (C) Legal Base for Regional Cooperation in Pursuit of Maintenance of Peace and Security; and

- (ii) Violent Extremism and violation of IHL and Human Rights Law

#### **FOURTH GENERAL MEETING**

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| 12.15 PM - 01.30 PM | - | Law of the Sea   |
| 01.30 PM - 02.30 PM | - | <i>Lunch</i>   |
| 02.30 PM - 03.45 PM | - | Extra-territorial Application of National Legislation: Sanctions Imposed Against Third Parties |
| 03.45 PM - 04.00 PM | - | <i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>  |
| 04.00 PM - 05.15 PM | - | WTO as a Framework Agreement and Code of Conduct for World Trade                               |
| <b>07.30 PM</b>     |   | <b>Dinner (TBC)</b>  |

<b>Thursday, 18 September 2014</b>
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#### **FOURTH GENERAL MEETING (CONTD)**

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| 09.00 - 10.00 AM             | - | Deportation of Palestinians and Other Israeli Practices among them the Massive Immigration and Settlement of Jews in All Occupied Territories in Violation of International Law particularly the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 ( <i>Deliberated</i> ) |
| <b>10.00 A.M. - 10.15 AM</b> | - | <b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>  |

10.15 AM – 12.00 PM

**THIRD MEETING OF THE DELEGATIONS OF AALCO MEMBER STATES**

- Report on the Work of the AALCO's Regional Arbitration Centres
- Report by the Chairman of the EPG
- Report by Chairman of Working Group on Customary International Law

12.00 PM - 03.00 PM

*Sight Seeing Trip for the Delegates and Lunch*

03.00 PM – 05.30 PM

**THIRD MEETING OF THE DELEGATIONS OF AALCO MEMBER STATES\* (CONTD)**

- Adoption of Message of Thanks to the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran
- Venue of AALCO's Fifty-Fourth Annual Session
- Adoption of Resolutions and Summary Report of the Session

05.30 PM – 06.00 PM

**FIFTH GENERAL MEETING AND CONCLUDING SESSION**

**Vote of Thanks**

- Asian Member State
- African Member State
- International Organizations
- Closing Remarks by President of the Fifty-Third Annual Session of AALCO