

**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

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

**Having Considered** the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/54/BEIJING/2015/SD/S 10,

**Noting with** appreciation the introductory statement of the Deputy Secretary General,

**Having followed** with great interest the deliberations on the item reflecting the views of the Member States on the agenda item “Environment and Sustainable Development”,

**Deeply concerned** with the deteriorating state of the global environment through various human activities, and unforeseen natural disasters,

**Reaffirming** that environmental protection constitutes an integral part of sustainable development,

**Recalling** the Nairobi Resolution on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development adopted by the Forty-Fourth Session of AALCO in 2005,

**Underlying** that climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time,

**Emphasizing** that strong political will to combat climate change in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, especially the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities is essential,

**Recognizing** the importance of the on-going negotiations for stronger international cooperation on climate change for the period beyond 2012 under the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action to strengthen the multilateral rules-based regime under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,

**Considering** the Doha Climate Gateway adopted at the United Nations Climate Change Conference held at Doha, Qatar in December 2012 that amended the Kyoto Protocol agreeing for 8-year commitment period since January 2013,

**Also considering** the outcome of the United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Warsaw, Poland in November 2013, including the request of the Conference that the *Ad hoc* Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action to further elaborate elements for a draft negotiating text for the protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention applicable to all Parties to be adopted by 2015,

**Considering further** the decision in Warsaw to invite Parties to initiate or intensify domestic preparations for their intended nationally determined contributions and to

communicate them well in advance of the 21<sup>st</sup> session of the Conference of the Parties (by the first quarter of 2015) by those countries ready to do so in a manner that facilitates the clarity, transparency and understanding of the intended contributions,

**Affirming** the importance of the linkages between climate change and sustainable development goals,

1. **Urges** Member States to actively participate in the 21st Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21/CMP11), 30<sup>th</sup> November-11<sup>th</sup> December 2015, Paris, France, working towards an ambitious and a fair agreement that will strengthen the multilateral rules-based regime under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;
2. **Also Urges** Member States to participate constructively in the forthcoming United Nations Summit to adopt the post-2015 development agenda, which will be held from 25 to 27 September 2015, in New York;
3. **Directs** the Secretariat to continue following the climate change negotiations under Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action for a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention applicable to all parties;
4. **Further directs** the Secretariat to continue to follow up the progress in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, and as well as follow up the progress in the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Convention on Biological Diversity, and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification; and
5. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda of the Fifty-Fifth Annual Session.