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

The Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization at its Fifty-Fourth 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/54/BEIJING/2015/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,

Recognizing the significance of the 60th Anniversary of the Bandung Conference which *inter alia* resulted in the establishment of AALCO,

Also recognizing the need to take forward the spirit of Bandung Conference in the current era which has witnessed many international legal challenges for the developing States of Asia and Africa,

Appreciating the efforts of the Secretary-General to enhance the activities of the Organization and to implement its work programme as approved at its Fifty-Third Annual Session held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, from 15-18 September 2014,

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

Reiterating the mandate 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,

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;
- 3. **Encourages** Member States to make voluntary contributions to support the capacity building activities under the approved work programme of the Organization;
- 4. **Further requests** the Secretary-General to report on the activities of the Organization at its Fifty-Fifth Annual Session; and
- 5. **Decides** to reactivate the sub-committee in which the Member States would discuss the administrative and financial issues and exchange their views through their Liaison Officers in the headquarters of AALCO in New Delhi.