



**Co-operation Agreement between  
the Hague Conference on Private International Law and  
the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization**

*Between*

The Hague Conference on Private International Law (hereinafter "HCCH"), represented by its Secretary General,

*And*

the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (hereinafter "AALCO"), represented by its Secretary General,

WHEREAS:

The purpose of the HCCH is to work for the progressive unification of the rules of private international law;

The objective of AALCO is to serve as an advisory body to its Member States in the field of international law and provide a forum for co-operation in legal matters of common concern to its Member States, and may establish co-operative arrangements, as may be deemed appropriate, with the United Nations, its Agencies and other inter-governmental organizations with a view to promoting such co-operation in the field of international law;

HCCH and AALCO are disposed to establish and develop a harmonious collaboration, considering the relationship between their areas of expertise;



AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

HCCH and AALCO shall adopt such measures as may be necessary to assure the exchange of information and documentation in matters of mutual interest. To that end, each party agrees, vis-à-vis the other, in particular to:

- 1) notify each other of subject matters on the agenda of mutual interest for both the Council on General Affairs and Policy of the HCCH and AALCO's Annual and inter-sessional related meetings;
- 2) examine the possibility of suggesting subject matters for consideration on their respective agendas;
- 3) raise awareness among AALCO Member States of the Hague Conventions;
- 4) raise awareness among AALCO Member States of the advantages of becoming a Member of the HCCH;
- 5) provide such information and documentation, through appropriate channels, as the Permanent Bureau of the HCCH and the Secretariat of AALCO may deem necessary for the examination and follow up of subject matters of mutual interest in compliance with the rules of confidentiality of restriction of access to information which have been exchanged;
- 6) facilitate access to training programmes;
- 7) provide aid in the form of staff or provision of services, subject to the financial conditions established and agreed upon, as appropriate, by the parties;
- 8) provide, where possible, any other support deemed necessary to facilitate the adoption and implementation of Hague Conventions by AALCO Member States; and
- 9) periodically bring together their experts in order to evaluate the co-operation and make appropriate recommendations to improve co-operation.

ARTICLE 2

HCCH may be invited to designate representatives to attend, in an observer capacity, AALCO's meetings of international/regional and sub-regional activities in the Asian-African region regarding matters of interest to the Hague Conference.

ARTICLE 3

AALCO may be invited to designate representatives to attend, in an observer capacity, the Council on General Affairs and Policy of the HCCH, as well as Special Commission meetings and Plenary Sessions of the HCCH which deal with matters of interest to AALCO.





#### ARTICLE 4

HCCH and AALCO will support measures which they may deem necessary and appropriate to raise awareness of Private International Law instruments in force in Asian and African States.

#### ARTICLE 5

Communications arising from the execution of this Agreement shall be directed through the following channels:

- 1) for HCCH, the Permanent Bureau;
- 2) for AALCO, the Secretariat.

#### ARTICLE 6

This Co-operation Agreement does not impose financial obligations on either Party.

In the event that the co-operation proposed by one of the Parties to the other in accordance with this Agreement entails expenditure beyond minor and ordinary expenditures, consultations shall be held between the Parties to determine the availability of resources required, the way of meeting such expenditure and, if resources are not readily available, the most appropriate ways to obtain the necessary resources.

The raising of financial and other resources and their allocation to any activities carried out under this Agreement by both Parties is subject to the respective Financial Rules and Regulations of each Party.

#### ARTICLE 7

This Agreement may be modified in writing by mutual consent.

This Agreement shall enter into force on the day of signature.

It shall last indefinitely but may be terminated by either Party, by a formal notification in advance of sixty (60) days, in which case no prior undertakings shall be affected.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties sign this Co-operation Agreement on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of the month of August in the year 2016.

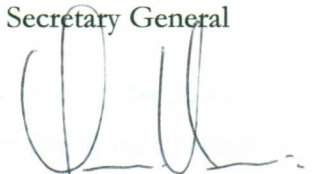
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