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RESOLUTION ON THE SPECIAL MEETING ON "INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS"

The Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization at its Forty-Ninth Session,

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/49/DAR ES SALAAM/SD/S 9:

Having heard with appreciation the views expressed by the President, the Secretary-General and the Panelists and the statements of Member States during the Special Meeting on "International Criminal Court: Recent Developments", jointly organized by the Government of Tanzania, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the AALCO Secretariat on 7 August 2010 at Dar Es Salaam, the United Republic of Tanzania;

Having followed with great interest the deliberations on the item reflecting the views of Member States;

Taking note of the deliberations and decisions of the Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;

Also taking note of the progress in cases before the International Criminal Court (ICC);

Being aware of the importance of the universal acceptance of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, and its main salients, among them the principle of complementarity and the scope of its jurisdiction;

Appreciating the efforts taken by the Secretariat in convening the "Round Table Meeting of Legal Experts on the Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court", held at Putrajaya, Malaysia from 30 to 31 March 2010;

Thanking the Governments of Japan and Malaysia for their financial, logistical and technical support provided for successfully holding the Round Table Meeting of Legal Experts at Putrajaya, Malaysia;

Welcoming the Secretariat's effort in bringing out the Report of the above mentioned Round Table Meeting to facilitate the Member States for a greater understanding of issues for those who attended the Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court at Kampala, Uganda;

Appreciating the efforts taken by the AALCO Member State, Uganda, for convening the Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court at Kampala, Uganda from 31 May to 11 June 2010;

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Welcoming the General Statement made by the Secretary-General of AALCO at the Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court on 1 June 2010:

Taking note of the outcome of the Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court held at Kampala, Uganda:

- 1. **Commends** the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the AALCO Secretariat for their earnest efforts in organizing this Special Meeting on "International Criminal Court: Recent Developments";
- 2. **Expresses gratitude** to the Panelists who have given valuable insight on the important aspects of the topic on the issues of "Principle of Complementarity" and on the "Crime of Aggression";
- 3. **Encourages** Member States which are not yet party to consider ratifying/acceding to the Rome Statute;
- 4. **Also encourages** Member States that have ratified the Rome Statute to consider becoming party to the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court;
- 5. **Directs** the Secretariat to follow up the deliberations in the forthcoming Ninth Session of the Assembly of States Parties and its meetings, and follow the developments regarding cases taken up by the International Criminal Court, and present a report at the Fiftieth Annual Session;
- 6. **Requests** the Secretary-General to conduct a study on the issues relating to the International Criminal Court; and
- 7. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda of its Fiftieth Annual Session.