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The Vice-President H.E. Mr. Ambrose Patrick Dery, in the Chair

- 1. The **Vice-President** proceeded with the two documents, which were deferred in the morning session for consideration after the break, namely, "The 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", AALCO/RES/DFT/ 43/ S 4, 25th June 2004 and the Provisional Summary Report for 24th and 25th June 2004 for consideration. Firstly, the Provisional Summary Report for 24th and 25th June 2004 was placed for consideration.
- 2. The **Delegate of the People's Republic of China** proposed a minor amendment in page 2, Para 1, 1st line. She believed that instead of "to avoid the duplication of double standards" it should be "to avoid the application of double standards". The Vice President thanked the Delegate from China for the amendment.
- 3. Thereafter, the Provisional Summary Report for 24^{th} and 25^{th} June 2004, as amended was adopted.
- 4. The **Vice-President** then placed Resolution AALCO/RES/DFT/ 43/ S 4, 25th June 2004 for consideration. He invited the Secretary General to make a statement.
- 5. The **Secretary-General** thanked the Vice President and informed that during the break he had an opportunity to hold informal consultations with the Parties concerned and came to a solution, which he believed would satisfy everybody. He informed the delegates on the consensus reached. In Preambular Paragraph 7, second line, instead of "occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem", consensus was for "occupied Palestinian Territories, including East Jerusalem". In Preambular Paragraph 9 instead of "Acknowledging with deep concern the inability of the Security Council", consensus was for "Acknowledging with deep concern that the Security Council is still unable".
- 6. The **Delegate of Palestine** said that the term "unable" has a meaning that Security Council was in continuous session and searching for a solution or resolution, hence he hoped that the concerned parties who proposed the amendment to keep the word "failure of the Security Council".
- 7. The **Secretary-General** explained that in Preambular Paragraph 2 in page 2, instead of "**Strongly condemns** the extra judicial, summary or arbitrary execution of the Palestinian leaders and reiterates the conviction that targeted assassinations against civilian populations will only lead to escalating violence in the region", the consensus was for "**Strongly condemns** the extra judicial, summary or arbitrary execution of the

Palestinian leaders and reiterates the conviction that targeted assassinations as well as acts of violence against civilians will only lead to escalating violence in the region;". In The Operative Paragraph 1, "**Reiterates** its support to, and adoption of, the Arab Peace Initiatives", the consensus reads as "**Expresses** its support to the Arab Peace Initiatives" and at the end of the paragraph instead of "as well as other peace initiatives" the consensus reads as "as well as other peace initiatives including the Road Map".

- 8. The **Delegate of Palestine** expressed the doubt why the focus only on the Road Map. There were many agreements dealing with the question of Palestinians, namely Security Council Resolutions 242, 338, Madrid Conference, Oslo Agreement etc. He wanted to add "all relevant resolutions and initiatives". The Secretary-General clarified that these resolutions from 1949 till now are referred in the Preambular Paragraph 3 in page 2.
- 9. The **Vice-President** thanked Kenya, Turkey, Palestine, Islamic Republic of Iran and all the Delegates and the Secretary-General for reaching a consensus on AALCO/RES/DFT/43/S.4
- 10. The resolution, as amended was adopted.
- 11. Thereafter, the **Secretary-General** informed that the AALCO Secretariat had prepared the Provisional Summary Records of the 43rd Annual Session up till the Fifth General Meeting held on Thursday, 23 June 2004 and the copies would be distributed to all the Member States. If there were any amendments, comments or corrections, it should be send to the AALCO Secretariat within eight weeks. After eight weeks, AALCO Secretariat would finalize them. He also mentioned that the remaining portion i.e. the proceedings of Friday, 25 June 2004, namely, the Third Meeting of Delegations of AALCO Member States, the Sixth General Meeting and Closing Session would be prepared by the Secretariat in New Delhi and would be sent to all member States for their comments.
- 12. The **Vice-President** invited the Delegation from Kenya to make a statement.
- 13. The **Delegate of Kenya** on behalf of the Kenyan Delegation and on behalf of Hon. S. Amos Wako, the Attorney General, Head of the Kenyan Delegation, thanked all the delegations for unanimously accepting their offer to host the Forty-Fourth Session of AALCO. Kenya regarded this an honour and privilege and took this responsibility, which went with it with all the seriousness it deserved. It gave him great pleasure therefore to invite all delegations to the land of Malaika (the angel) and the great safari.
- 14. The **Vice-President** thanked Kenya, for offering to host the Forty-Fourth Session of AALCO and the Indonesian Government for organizing the sight seeing trip.

The Meeting was thereafter adjourned for tea break.