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

*The Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization at its Fifty-Third 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/53/TEHRAN/2014/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,

**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-Second Annual Session held in New Delhi (HQ), Republic of India, from 9-12 September 2013,

**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 (HQ), 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; and
4. **Further requests** the Secretary-General to report on the activities of the Organization at its Fifty-Fourth Annual Session.

**AALCO'S BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2015**

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

**Having heard** with appreciation the introductory statement of the Secretary –General on the Proposed Budget for the year 2015 as contained in Secretariat Document No. AALCO/53/TEHRAN/2014/ORG 2,

**Taking note** of the comments of the Member States on the Proposed Budget,

**Noting further** the Proposed Budget for the year 2015 was placed before the 323<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Liaison Officers held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2013 and 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014, at the Headquarters, New Delhi and adopted and was submitted to the Fifty-Third Annual Session for final approval,

**Considering** that the Proposed Budget for the year 2015 is a realistic budget depending on the actual contributions received,

**Noting** with appreciation the part of arrears paid by the Government of the Republic of Cameroon and Libya on the basis of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and requesting other Member States in large arrears to follow suit,

**Expressing deep concern** over the financial difficulties faced by AALCO and the need to take appropriate measures to overcome the financial crisis including the collection of arrears,

**Acknowledging** the immediate need to replenish the Reserve Fund of the Organization with the objective of ensuring that it always has a six-month operational fund for the functioning of the Organization,

**Considering** all the above-mentioned reasons to place the Organization on a firm financial footing,

1. **Approves** the Budget for the year 2015 as proposed;
2. **Requests** Member States who have not paid their annual contribution for the year 2014 to do so at the earliest in order to ensure the effective functioning of the Organization;
3. **Encourages** Member States to make voluntary financial contribution in order to improve the financial situation of AALCO;
4. **Strongly urges** Member States, who are in arrears, to fulfill their financial obligation and to expeditiously clear the same in accordance with the Statutes and Statutory Rules of AALCO;

5. **Mandates** the Secretary-General to explore ways and means of raising funds by additional sources in accordance with the Statutes and Statutory Rules of AALCO; and
6. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Session.

**REPORT ON AALCO'S REGIONAL CENTRES FOR ARBITRATION**

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

**Considering** the Report on AALCO's Regional Centres for Arbitration contained in Document No. AALCO/53/TEHRAN/2014/ORG 3,

**Noting** with appreciation the introductory remarks of the Deputy Secretary-General and the report of the Directors of the Regional Arbitration Centres,

**Reaffirming** the commitment by the Governments of Member States towards enhancing the role of the Regional Arbitration Centres,

**Recalling** decision relating to the Integrated Scheme for the Settlement of Disputes in Economic and Commercial Transactions adopted at its Doha Session in 1978,

**Expressing satisfaction** over the increasing use of the facilities and the opportunities offered for both domestic and international arbitrations under the auspices of its Regional Arbitration Centres,

**Appreciating** the efforts and contributions of the Governments of the Malaysia, Arab Republic of Egypt, Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and Republic of Kenya for hosting the respective Regional Arbitration Centres,

**Further appreciating** the promotional activities undertaken by the Directors of the Centres, including organization of seminars and training programmes, to promote international commercial arbitration in the Asian and African regions,

**Reiterating** the earlier decision of the AALCO on the necessity for the Governments of Member States to promote and support the use of the Regional Arbitration Centres,

**Further reiterating** its proposal that after consultation with the Directors of the respective Regional Arbitration Centres, for the holding of International Arbitration Conference biennially, by rotation in each of the Centres, with the support of Member States,

1. **Requests** that, based on the above mentioned commitments for promoting and supporting the use of Regional Arbitration Centres, the Member States to urge their esteemed Governments and private sector to use the AALCO's Regional Arbitration Centres for their disputes and in particular to consider in their contracts, the inclusion of the Arbitration Clause of AALCO's Regional Arbitration Centres;

2. **Urges** the Regional Arbitration Centres to consider, among themselves, the formation of a common system both administratively and financially between the Centres and common standards for the qualification of arbitrators;
3. **Directs** the Arbitration Centres to meet at every AALCO Annual Sessions to enable an exchange of ideas and to report the outcome to the Organization;
4. **Requests** the Secretary-General to take initiative to promote the Arbitration Centres among Member States and to work toward establishing another Arbitration Centre in the South Asian region; and
5. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Session.

**THE LAW OF THE SEA \***  
*(Deliberated)*

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

**Considering** the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/53/TEHRAN /2014/SD/S 2,

**Noting** with appreciation the introductory remarks of the Deputy Secretary-General,

**Recalling** the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982 (UNCLOS), as well as the customary international law relating to the management of the oceans,

**Noting with appreciation** the commemoration of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of entry into force of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,

**Also noting with appreciation** the convening and outcome of the successful “AALCO Legal Experts Meeting on the Law of the Sea” organized by the AALCO Secretariat, held at the AALCO Headquarters on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014,

**Mindful** of the historical contribution made by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization in the elaboration of the UNCLOS,

**Conscious** that the AALCO has been regularly following the implementation of the UNCLOS and its implementing agreements as well as other issues regarding the law of the sea,

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\* To this resolution on the Law of the Sea, the Delegations of Japan and the Republic of Turkey made the following comments and reservations.

The **Delegation of Japan** stated that “it regrets the deletion of paragraph 4 of the original draft resolution concerning dispute settlement, as Japan attaches great importance to the ITLOS and other international tribunals and forums to peacefully resolve the disputes in accordance with UNCLOS and other applicable principles and rules of international law”.

The **Delegation of Republic of Turkey** stated that; “the Republic of Turkey dissociates itself from the references made in this Resolution to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982. Approval of this Resolution cannot be construed as a change in the legal position of Turkey with regard to the said Convention”.

With these comments the resolution on this item was adopted.

**Hopeful** that in view of the importance of the law of the sea issues, AALCO would maintain its consideration on the agenda item and continue to perform its historical role on the law of the sea matters,

**Taking note** of the deliberations at the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process established by the United Nations General Assembly to facilitate annual review of the developments in ocean affairs,

**Welcoming** the active role being played by the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) in the peaceful settlement of disputes with regard to ocean related matters,

1. **Reaffirms** that in accordance with the UNCLOS, the “Area” and its resources are the common heritage of mankind;
2. **Encourages** AALCO Member States not yet parties to the UNCLOS and its implementing instruments, to consider the possibility to ratify or accede thereto, in compliance with their domestic policies;
3. **Urges** the full and effective participation of its Member States which are Parties to UNCLOS in the work of the International Seabed Authority and other related bodies established by the UNCLOS, and further urges effective contribution of its Member States to the United Nations Informal Consultative Process, so as to ensure and safeguard their legitimate interests;
4. **Requests** the Secretariat of AALCO to assist the capacity building of Member States within the field of law of the sea through varied ways such as joint training programmes with States and inter-governmental organizations, and calls upon its Member States to offer all possible support and assistance; and
5. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Session.

**THE STATUS AND TREATMENT OF REFUGEES**  
*(Deliberated)*

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

**Having considered** the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/53/TEHRAN/2014/SD/S 3,

**Noting** the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees (the 1951 Convention), together with the 1967 Protocol thereto, as complemented by the Organization of African Unity Convention of 1969,

**Commending** the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for the important contribution that it has made towards the protection of refugees and internally displaced persons, since the establishment of the UNHCR,

**Recognizing** also the landmark achievement of the coming into force of the 2009 African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa, also known as the “Kampala Convention”,

1. **Acknowledges** the desirability of comprehensive approaches by the international community to the problems of refugees and displaced persons, including addressing root causes, strengthening emergency preparedness and response, providing effective protection and achieving durable solutions;
2. **Encourages** Member States of AALCO that have not yet become a party to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol thereto as well as other relevant international and regional instruments to consider the possibility of ratifying them or becoming party to them as per their legislations;
3. **Encourages** Member States that have not yet done so to consider the possibility to ratify /accede to the 1954 Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons, the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness and the Kampala Convention;
4. **Directs** the Secretariat to explore, in the near future, the possibility of organizing a joint seminar or workshop in collaboration with the UNHCR; and
5. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda at its Fifty-Fourth Annual Session.

**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  
(Deliberated)**

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

**Having considered** the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/53/TEHRAN/2014/SD/S 4,

**Noting with appreciation** the introductory remarks of the Secretary-General,

**Recalling and reiterating** the decisions taken at the consecutive Annual Sessions of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization since 1988, when the topic was first introduced on the agenda of the Organization, in particular the decisions adopted on 22 April 1998 and 23 April 1999,

**Also recalling and reiterating** the resolutions adopted on 23 February 2000, RES/40/4 of 24 June 2001, RES/41/4 of 19 July 2002, RES/42/3 of 20 June 2003, RES/43/S 4 of 25 June 2004, RES/44/S 4 of 1 July 2005, RES/45/S 4 of 8 April 2006, RESW/46/S 4 of 6 July 2007, RES/47/S 4 of 4 July 2008, RES/48/S 4 of 20 August 2009, RES/49/S 4 of 8 August 2010, RES/50/S 4 of 1 July 2011, RES/51/ S 4 of 22 June 2012 and RES/52/S 4 of 12 September 2013,

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

**Being concerned** with the serious obstacles created by the occupying power, which hinder the achievement of a just and lasting peace in the region,

**Recognizing** that the massive Israeli military operation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, particularly in the occupied Gaza strip, has caused grave violations of the human rights of the Palestinian civilians therein and international humanitarian law, and exacerbated the severe humanitarian crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territories,

**Also recognizing** that the Israeli siege imposed on the occupied Gaza strip, including the closure of border crossings and the cutting of the supply of fuel, food and medicine, constitutes collective punishment of Palestinian civilians and leads to disastrous humanitarian and environmental consequences,

**Welcoming** the international and regional initiatives for peace in the Middle East,

**Condemning** Israel's acts of violence and use of force against Palestinians, resulting in injury, loss of life and destruction, coercive migration and deportation in violation of human rights and the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949,

**Stressing** the need to compliance with existing Israeli – Palestinian agreements concluded in order to reach a final settlement,

**Being concerned** about the continuing dangerous deterioration of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, including East Jerusalem and Gaza strip, the continuous deportation of Palestinians from their homeland, and the continuing serious and systematic violation of human rights of the Palestinian people by Israel, the occupying power, including that arising from the excessive use of force, the use of collective punishment, the occupation and closure of areas, the confiscation of land, the establishment and expansion of settlements, the construction of a wall in the occupied Palestinian Territories, the destruction of property and infrastructure, use of prohibited weapons and all other actions designed to change the legal status, demographic composition of the Occupied Palestinian Territories, including East Jerusalem and Gaza strip, and about war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in these territories, and calling for the implementation of the relevant United Nations resolutions on the humanitarian situation of the Palestinian people,

**Recalling** the Advisory Opinion rendered by the International Court of Justice in the case concerning the *Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory*, and related General Assembly Resolution (A/RES/ES-10/15 of 20 July 2004 and ES-10/17 of 15 December 2006), as well as the United Nations initiative of establishment of a Register of Damage arising from the construction of the separation wall, and bearing in mind that ten years have elapsed since the International Court of Justice delivered its opinion,

**Being deeply concerned** about the tenacity of Israel in proceeding with the construction of wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including in and around East Jerusalem, and its associated regime, which is contrary to international law,

**Acknowledging with deep concern** that the Security Council is still unable to adopt a resolution stipulating the illegality of the Israeli expansionist wall,

**Expressing** its support to the Arab Peace Initiative for resolving the issue of Palestine and the Middle East, adopted by the 14<sup>th</sup> Arab Summit held in Beirut (Lebanon) on 28 March 2002 and reaffirmed in the 19<sup>th</sup> Summit Conference of the League of Arab States, Riyadh, 28-29 March 2007 as well as other peace initiatives, including the Quartet Road Map,

**Taking note** of conclusions and outcomes of all events held at both regional and international levels aiming at the achievement of a just, durable and comprehensive solution of the question of Palestine,

**Affirming** that a comprehensive, just and durable solution can only be achieved by ending the occupation in pursuance of the Charter of the United Nations, existing agreement between the parties and the relevant Security Council and General Assembly resolutions, which will allow all the countries of the region to live in peace, security and harmony,

1. **Urges** its Member States to take part in the peace process/efforts exerted by the international community for the achievement of a just and comprehensive solution of the question of Palestine on the basis of relevant Security Council resolutions, including 242 (1967), 338 (1973), 425 (1978), 1397 (2002) and 1860 (2009), and relevant General Assembly Resolutions, including 194 (1949) on the formula of “land for peace” and the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, and expressing solidarity with the Palestinian people and their elected leadership;

2. **Takes note** of the findings of the United Nations Secretary General’s Board of Enquiry as transmitted on 4 May 2009 to the Security Council as well as the findings of the recent report of the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council and other regional organizations;

3. **Also takes note** of the report of the Independent Fact Finding Committee on Gaza presented to the League of Arab States on 30 April 2009;

4. **Strongly condemns** the shocking developments that have continued to occur in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, including the deportation of Palestinians from their homeland, the large number of deaths and injuries, mostly among Palestinian civilians, the acts of violence and brutality against Palestinian civilians, the widespread destruction of public and private Palestinian property and infrastructure, the internal displacement of civilians and the serious deterioration of the socio-economic and humanitarian conditions of the Palestinian people;

5. **Demands** that Israel, the Occupying Power, comply fully with the provisions and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Regulations annexed to the Hague Convention of 1907 and the Geneva Conventions in particular the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949, in order to protect the rights of Palestinians;

6. **Also demands** that Israel positively respond to the 2009 Report of Mr. Richard Falk the Special Rapporteur for the Palestinian Territories Occupied Since 1967 and 2010 Report and

Recommendations of Justice Goldstone, United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict in order to protect the rights of Palestinians;

7. **Further Demands** that Israel comply with its legal obligations as mentioned in the Advisory Opinion rendered by the International Court of Justice in the case concerning the Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and related General Assembly Resolution (A/RES/ES-10/15 of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2004);

8. **Strongly demands** that Israel stop and reverse the construction of the wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory;

9. **Strongly deplores** the Israeli blockade of the Gaza strip and its consequent human rights and humanitarian law violation and the Israeli attack against the humanitarian aid Flotilla;

10. **Further demands** for an immediate cessation of all acts of violence, including all acts of terror, provocation, incitement and destruction of property and calls for the immediate and full withdrawal of Israeli (occupying) forces from Palestinians territories in implementation of Security Council Resolutions, including 1402 (2002), 1403 (2002), 1515 (2003), and 1544 (2004) as a first step for ending the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories occupied since 1967;

11. **Calls upon** Israel to ensure the return of refugees and displaced Palestinians to their homes and the restoration to them of their properties, in compliance with the relevant UN resolutions;

12. **Directs** the Secretariat to closely follow the developments in occupied territories from the viewpoint of relevant legal aspects; and

13. **Decides** to place the item on the provisional agenda of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Session.

**EXTRATERRITORIAL APPLICATION OF NATIONAL LEGISLATION:  
SANCTIONS IMPOSED AGAINST THIRD PARTIES  
(Deliberated)**

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

**Considering** the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/53/TEHRAN/2014/SD/S 6,

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

**Recalling** its Resolutions RES/36/6 of 7 May 1997, RES/37/5 of 18 April 1998, RES/38/6 of 23 April 1999, RES/39/5 of 23 February 2000, RES/40/5 of 24 June 2001, RES/41/6 of 19 July 2002, RES/42/6 of 20 June 2003, RES/43/6 of 25 June 2004, RES/44/6 of 1 July 2005, RES/45/S 6 of 8 April 2006, RES/46/S 7 of 6 July 2007, RES/47/S 6 of 4 July 2008, RES/48/S 6 of 20 August 2009, RES/49/S 6 of 8 August 2010 and RES/50/S 6 of 1 July 2011, RES/51/S 6 of 22 June 2012, and RES/52/SP 2 of 12 September 2013, on the subject,

**Having considered** the AALCO publication entitled “*Unilateral and Secondary Sanctions: An International Law Perspective*” prepared by the AALCO Secretariat,

**Recognizing** the significance and implications of the above subject,

**Expressing** its profound concern that the imposition of unilateral sanctions on third parties is violation of the United Nations Charter and in contradiction with the general principles of international law, particularly state immunity, non-interference in internal affairs, sovereign equality, the right to development, and freedom of trade and peaceful settlement of disputes,

**Condemning** the imposition of restrictions against AALCO Members States, Syrian Arab Republic and Islamic Republic of Iran by the Government of the United States of America,

**Condemning also** the adoption of restrictive measures against States, especially in cases where the functional organs of a sovereign State, like Central Banks, are subjected to sanctions which violate immunity of State and its properties,

**Being aware** that extraterritorial application of national legislation in an increasingly interdependent world retards the progress of the Sanctioned State and impedes the establishment of an equitable, multilateral, non-discriminatory rule-based trading regime,

**Reaffirming** the importance of adherence to the rules of international law in international relations,

1. **Appreciates** the initiative of the Secretariat for bringing out the AALCO publication “Unilateral and Secondary Sanctions: An International Law Perspective”;
2. **Directs** the Secretariat to continue to study the legal implications related to the Extraterritorial Application of National Legislation: Sanctions Imposed against Third Parties and the executive orders imposing sanctions against target States;
3. **Also Directs** the Secretariat to further research on the implications of unilateral and extraterritorial sanctions on international trade and its effect on AALCO Member States;
4. **Urges** Member States to provide relevant information and materials to the Secretariat relating to national legislation and related information on this subject; and
5. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Session.

**INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM**  
*(Deliberated)*

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

**Having considered** the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/53/TEHRAN/2014/SD/S 7,

**Recalling** the relevant international instruments, where applicable, and resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council relating to measures to eliminate international terrorism and the efforts to prevent, combat and eliminate terrorism,

**Taking note** of the ongoing negotiations in the Ad Hoc Committee established by the General Assembly of the United Nations by its resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996 to elaborate a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism based on the proposal made by the Republic of India,

**Expressing grave concern** about the worldwide increase in acts of terrorism, which threaten the life and security of innocent people and impede the economic development of the concerned States,

**Recognizing** the need for the international community to collectively combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations,

**Reaffirming** the need to strengthen the international effort to eliminate terrorism in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, taking into account international human rights law, international humanitarian law, refugee law, principles of international law including non-interference, respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of all States,

**Calling for** an early conclusion and the adoption of a comprehensive convention on international terrorism by expediting the elaboration of a universally acceptable definition of terrorism,

1. **Encourages** Member States to consider ratifying/acceding to the relevant conventions on terrorism;
2. **Also encourages** Member States to participate in the work of the above mentioned Ad Hoc Committee on International Terrorism;
3. **Directs** the Secretariat to follow and report on the progress of work in the Ad Hoc

Committee on International Terrorism;

4. **Also directs** the Secretariat to obtain national legislation or information on national legislation, as the case may be, on combating terrorism to facilitate exchange of information among Member States;
6. **Requests** the Secretary-General to hold seminars and joint programmes in cooperation with other international organizations, especially United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, on dealing with the legal aspects of combating terrorism; and
7. **Decides** to place the item on the provisional agenda of its Fifty-Fourth Annual Session.

**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

*(Deliberated)*

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

**Having Considered** the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/53/TEHRAN/2014/SD/S 10,

**Noting with** appreciation the introductory statement of the 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 further elaborates elements for a draft negotiating text for the protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force 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) in a manner that facilitates the clarity, transparency and understanding of the intended contributions,

**Affirming** the importance of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification,

1. **Urges** Member States to actively participate in the on-going Bali Road-Map negotiations and consider ratifying the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol agreeing for 8-year commitment period since January 2013 under the Ad hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action;
2. **Also Urges** Member States to participate constructively in the forthcoming Climate Change Conferences in Lima, Peru in December 2014 and Paris, France in 2015 working towards an ambitious and fair agreement that will strengthen the multilateral rules-based regime under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;
3. **Directs** the Secretariat to follow the Climate Change negotiations and Durban Platform for Action processes for stronger international legal instrument on climate change for the period beyond 2020;
4. **Further directs** the Secretariat to continue to follow up the progress in the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development 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-Fourth Annual Session.

**WTO AS A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT AND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR WORLD  
TRADE**  
*(Deliberated)*

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

**Having considered** the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/53/TEHRAN/2014/SD/S 13

**Recognizing** the importance and complexities of issues involved in the successful conclusion of the WTO Doha Development Agenda,

**Taking note** of the decisions adopted at the Ninth Ministerial Conference of WTO held in December 2013 at Bali,

**Hoping** that the Doha Round of Negotiations would conclude successfully in the near future,

1. **Encourages** Member States to continue their efforts for the successful conclusion of the negotiations as mandated under the Doha Development Agenda, taking fully into consideration the special development concerns of developing and least-developed country Members, while at the same time upholding fundamental good governance principles, including transparency, efficiency and a fair and equitable multilateral system;
2. **Requests** the Secretary-General in consultation with Member States, subject to the availability of necessary resources, to organize seminars or workshops to facilitate the exchange of views by Member States on issues currently under negotiation within the WTO and capacity building programs; and
3. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda of its Fifty-Fourth Annual Session.

**INTERNATIONAL LAW IN CYBERSPACE**  
*(Deliberated)*

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

**Noting** the considerable progress in developing and applying advanced information and communication technologies and their profound influences on our societies,

**Recognizing** the need for developing and applying consistent international law rules for cyberspace,

**Noting** that related international legal issues on cyberspace have been widely discussed in the UN framework and other multilateral and regional forums,

**Recognizing** the importance and relevance of the subject “International law in cyberspace” to the AALCO and its Member States,

**Welcoming** the introduction of the item “International law in cyberspace” to the Fifty-Third Annual Session,

**Being aware** of the complexity and long-term nature of the subject,

1. **Directs** the Secretariat to study this subject based on deliberation and progress made in the UN framework, taking into due consideration related discussions taking place in other forums;
2. **Calls upon** Member States and the Secretariat to strengthen their communication and cooperation on this subject; and
3. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Session.

**RESOLUTION ON HALF-DAY SPECIAL MEETING ON“SELECTED ITEMS ON  
THE AGENDA OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION”  
(Deliberated)**

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

**Having considered** the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/53/TEHRAN /2014/SD/S1,

**Having heard** with appreciation the introductory statement of the Secretary-General and the views expressed by the Chairperson and the Panelists and the statements of the Member States during the Special Half-Day Meeting on “Selected Items on the Agenda of the International Law Commission” jointly organized by the Government of Islamic Republic of Iran, International Law Commission (ILC) and AALCO held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran,

**Having followed** with great interest the deliberations on the item reflecting the views of Member States on the work of the International Law Commission (ILC),

**Expressing** its appreciation for the statement made by the Representative of the ILC on its work,

**Recognizing** the significant contribution of the ILC to the codification and progressive development of international law,

1. **Recommends** Member States to contribute to the work of ILC, in particular by communicating their comments and observations regarding issues identified by the ILC on various topics currently on its agenda to the Commission;
2. **Requests** the Secretary-General to continue convening AALCO-ILC meetings in future;
3. **Also requests** the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the ILC the views expressed by Member States during the Annual Sessions of AALCO on the items on its agenda during its Fifty-Third Annual Session; and
4. **Decides** to place the item on the provisional agenda of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Session.

**RESOLUTION ON HALF-DAY SPECIAL MEETING ON  
“VIOLENT EXTREMISM & TERRORISM (LEGAL ASPECTS)”  
(Deliberated)**

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

**Having considered** the Background Document entitled “Violent Extremism & Terrorism (Legal Aspects)”,

**Appreciates** the introductory remarks of the Deputy Secretary-General and the views expressed by the Chairperson and the Panelists and the statements of the Member States during the Special Meeting on “Violent Extremism & Terrorism (Legal Aspects)”,

**Recalling** its resolution RES/51/SP 3 of 22 June 2012 on “International Terrorism” and RES/ 53/S 7 of 18 September 2014,

**Gravely concerned** over the threats posed by acts of violence perpetrated by violent extremist groups,

**Reaffirming** that violent extremism constitutes a serious common concern for all Member States, threatening the security and well-being of their societies, and convinced that there is no justification for violent extremism, whatever the motivation,

**Recalling** the relevant international instruments, where applicable, the WAVE UNGA resolution (A/RES/68/127) and the efforts to prevent, combat and eliminate violent extremism and its manifestations,

**Expressing concern** about the upsurge in acts of violent extremism and its manifestations in the Asian – African regions, which threaten the life and security of innocent people and impede the economic development and scientific activities of the concerned States,

**Strongly condemning** any advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence,

**Recognizing** the need for the collective response to the dilemma of violent extremism in all its forms and manifestations,

**Recalling** that international efforts to eliminate violent extremism in all its manifestations, and reaffirming the need to strengthen those efforts in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, taking into account the principles of international law including non-interference, respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states,

1. **Encourages** Member States to consider ratifying/acceding to the relevant conventions on terrorism;
2. **Urges** for action on international, regional and bilateral levels to fight impunity against acts of violent extremism and its manifestations, *inter alia*, by adopting and implementing relevant national legislation, bilateral and multilateral instruments;
3. **Directs** the Secretariat to coordinate holding inter-sessional expert meetings, joined also by eminent international legal experts from AALCO Member States, in order to consider AALCO principles for coordination to combat violent extremism and its manifestations which could lead to drafting Asian-African guidelines on violent extremism and its manifestations in order to strengthening cooperation against acts of violent extremism and its manifestations; and
4. **Decides** to place the item on the provisional agenda of its Fifty-Fourth Annual Session.