

V. RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

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RESOLUTION ON AALCO'S FINANCIAL MATTERS AND BUDGET
FOR THE YEAR 2009

The Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization at its Extraordinary Session,

Having taken note of the Explanatory Note, contained in Document No. AALCO/ES (NEW DELHI)/2008/ORG.1,

Also having taken note of the Proposed Budget for the Year 2009 contained in Document No. AALCO/ES (NEW DELHI)/2008/ORG.2,

Also taking note that the Draft Budget for the Year 2009 was placed for the consideration of Liaison Officers of Member States of AALCO at the 298th Meeting held on 3rd November 2008,

Having heard with appreciation the statement of the President of AALCO,

Having heard the statement of the Secretary-General on "The Current Financial Crisis of AALCO and the Roadmap for the Future" and the "Proposed Budget for the year 2009",

Having heard with keen interest and appreciation the statements of the Heads of Delegations of AALCO Member States,

Expresses deep concern on the current financial crisis faced by AALCO and the need to take appropriate remedial measures to overcome the immediate crisis and for the future financial stability of the Organization,

Acknowledging that there is an immediate need to replenish the Reserve Fund of the Organization, with the objective of ensuring always six-month operational expenditure of the Organization,

Emphasizing and noting the fact that the budget and the scale of assessment of contributions from Member States has not been revised for the past 15 years,

Realizing the need to adopt an appropriate scale of contribution and revising the same periodically at par with the practice of other International Organizations,

Emphasizing on the urgency of reforming the financial management of AALCO on the principle of transparency and accountability so that sound and healthy financial management can be practiced,

Considering all the aforementioned reasons for the current financial crisis and affirming the need to take corrective measures to mitigate the crisis,

1. **Approves** the budget for the year 2009 as proposed, with the understanding that if necessary a Supplementary Budget may be considered by a Liaison Officers Meeting;
2. **Requests** those Member States who have not paid their regular annual contributions for the year 2008 in full, to do so by the end of December 2008 in order to ensure the smooth functioning of the Organization;
3. **Urges** the Member States to make payment of their annual contributions for the year 2009 at the earliest in accordance with their budgetary systems;
4. **Also Urges** the Member States to make voluntary financial contributions in order to improve the financial situation of AALCO;
5. **Strongly urges** that Member States undertake to contribute generously to replenish the Reserve Fund so as to ensure it has always six-month operational fund;
6. **Also strongly urges** those Member States who are in arrears to fulfill their financial obligations and to expeditiously clear the same in accordance with the Statutes and Statutory Rules of AALCO;
7. **Directs** the Secretary-General in consultation with the Member States to formulate necessary measures to be taken against those Member States who are in arrears, and circulate it to Member States before the Forty-Eighth Session for their attention, consideration and follow-up;
8. **Mandates** the Secretary-General in consultation with the Advisory Panel of Liaison Officers to expeditiously finalize the revised scale of contribution by the Member States of AALCO and present the same at the Forty-Eighth Session to be held in 2009;
9. **Mandates** the Secretary-General to implement the Action Plan as explained in Document No. AALCO/ES (NEW DELHI)/2008/ORG.1 and the statement of the Secretary-General at the Extraordinary Session, in particular reform of the AALCO's financial management to collect the outstanding arrears payable to AALCO expeditiously;
10. **Mandates** the Secretary-General to explore the feasibility of additional resources; and
11. **Decides** to place the item on the agenda of the Forty-Eighth Session to be held in 2009.