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HELD ON FRIDAY 25TH JUNE 2004 AT 6:15 PM**

The President H.E. Prof. Dr. Yusril Ihza Mahendra, in the Chair.

1. The **President** presided over the Concluding Session of the AALCO's Forty-Third Session. He invited the Delegation from Kenya to deliver the vote of thanks on behalf of Member States from Africa.

(a) Statement by the Leader of Delegation of Kenya, Ms. Roselyn Amadi, Deputy Chief State Counsel, Attorney General's Chambers, Nairobi on behalf of the African Member States

Thank you Mr. President

Mr. President, Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of the African members of AALCO, I would like to take this opportunity to propose a vote of thanks to our host, the Government and the people of Indonesia for hosting successfully the Forty-Third Session of AALCO and for the warm reception and stay accorded to all the delegations.

Mr. President, right from the time of our arrival until now we have continued to be treated like honoured guests. We thank you very much. We would also like to thank the Secretary-General and the AALCO Secretariat as well as the Host National Committee for facilitating the meeting through timely preparation of the required documents. Your patience and kindness has been duly noticed. And if we had any thing to give you we would do so. We would also like to offer our thanks to the President and the Vice President for steering the Session to a successful conclusion. We have noted Mr. President that two of you have got abilities beyond just chairing and we look forward to hearing your beautiful voice and your beautiful steps as we conclude this session.

We thank you very much

We continue to pray for the unity and solidarity in our common endeavour of peace and development. Once again I thank the Government and the people of Indonesia and for the rest of the delegations I wish them a safe journey.

Welcome to Kenya next Year.

Thank You

2. The **President** then invited the delegation from Malaysia to deliver the vote of thanks on behalf of Member States from Asia.

(b) Statement by the Leader of Delegation of Malaysia, Mrs. Rohana Abd. Malek, Senior Federal Counsel, Attorney General's Chambers, Malaysia on behalf of the Asian Member States

Mr. President, Mr. Vice-President, the Honorable Secretary-General, Excellencies and Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am deeply honoured to be accorded this privilege to propose a vote of thanks on behalf of the Asian Countries of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization who had gathered here together with our African brothers and sisters to discuss and exchange views on matters which are of utmost importance to us.

It is indeed a special honour for my delegation and me as this is the first time I am personally attending this Session of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization. I believe that this important forum would enhance better cooperation between the Asian and African countries.

Mr. President, on behalf of the Asian countries, I would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Indonesia for the generosity and warm hospitality extended to us throughout this Forty-Third Session of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization. Our congratulations for the well-organized preparation of this meeting.

Mr. President, I would also like to extend our congratulations to you and the Honourable Mr. Ambrose Patrick Dery on being elected as the President and Vice-President respectively. Both of you have chaired the meetings efficiently which speaks well of your experience and knowledge.

To H. E. Ambassador Dr. Wafik Zaher Kamil we wish to express our sincere satisfaction in your ability to steer the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization to greater heights. To the Deputy Secretaries General and their Staff we also applaud them for their hard work and diligence.

Mr. President, the Forty-Third Session of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization would not have been meaningful without the participation of the international organizations who through their representatives have enriched us with their experience and presentations. Lastly, I bid "*selamat jalan*" to all delegates until we meet again in Kenya.

Thank you.

3. The **President** then invited the Observer from the Holy See to deliver the vote of thanks on behalf of the Non- Member States participating in the AALCO's Forty-Third Session.

(c) Statement of Mr. Alex Soesilo Wijoyo, S.I., Observer from the Holy See on behalf of the Non-Member States

Mr. President, Secretary General, Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of the Non-Member States Observers, I take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to all participants to the Forty-Third Session of the AALCO for having invited us. Topic chosen, especially special meeting were of contemporary relevance. It is our wish and prayer that the deliberations reached will be implemented and AALCO will continue to be a useful tool in the development of two continents: Asia and Africa. We wish the AALCO and the Member States success and abundance of God's blessings.

Thank you very much.

4. The President then invited H. E. Prof. Chusei Yamada, Observer from the United Nations University (UNU), to deliver the vote of thanks on behalf of International Organizations participating in the AALCO's Forty-Third Session

(d) Statement of H. E. Prof. Chusei Yamada, Observer from the United Nations University, on behalf of participating International Organizations.

Thank you Mr. President

On behalf of the representatives of the International Organizations I am privileged to attend the Forty-Third Annual Session of the AALCO in Bali. I have the honour to say a few words at the closing of the Session.

Mr. President,

We have indeed benefited a lot by observing serious and yet friendly proceedings of the meeting. We will commit ourselves to continue and expand our cooperation with the AALCO with a view to contributing to the advancement of its activities for the benefit of its Member States from Asia and Africa. We would also like to express our most sincere gratitude to Excellency Mr. President, to the Host Government of Indonesia and the lovely people of Bali for extending to us the most cordial and warm hospitality. Our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Kamil, Secretary-General, AALCO and his staff, interpreters, Indonesian Secretariat staff and to all those who supported the meeting from behind the scene. We will bring home our pleasant memory of Indonesia and the people of Indonesia.

I thank you Mr. President

5. Thereafter, the **President** himself delivered the Concluding Statement of the AALCO's Forty-Third Session.

(e) Concluding Statement by H. E. Prof. Dr. Yusril Ihza Mahendra, President of the Forty-Third Session

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In a few minutes, we are arriving at the end of the Forty-Third AALCO Annual Session after having productive and some significant accomplishments. The presence of 159 Members of the Delegations from 35 Member Countries, three Observer Countries and ten Observers from International Organizations attending the Session reflect high degree of participation. For the last five days, I recognize that they have actively participated and rendered their valuable inputs in all deliberations. This shows the growing importance of AALCO as the most appropriate legal forum for the Asian and African Nations to consider legal problems, and exchange views and information on matters of common concern. I realized that I would not have been able to discharge my responsibility as the President of this Annual Session without the kind assistance and close cooperation of the Vice President, the Secretary-General of the AALCO and his Deputies and Staff, the Drafting Committee, the Organizing Committee, the Central Government of the Republic of Indonesia and local Government of Bali Province and also security officers from the Indonesian National Police. Special thanks to my partner, the Vice President for his outstanding collaboration and enthusiasm in sharing the Chair, which made my task easier. I must express particular word of thanks to the Secretary-General, his Deputies and Staff for the excellent work to ensure the success of the Session. I sincerely appreciate the hard work and solid dedication for the success of the Session. My heartfelt thanks also go to the Organizing Committee, Interpreters, Conference Officials, and to all who assisted in making this session a success.

Finally I am delighted to bid farewell and to wish you well and long journey to home.

See you in Kenya next year.

Finally, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I declare the meeting adjourned.

Thank you.