

**SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE SIXTH
GENERAL MEETING (CONCLUDING
SESSION) HELD ON FRIDAY, 1st JULY
2005 AT 6.00PM**

1. **Master of Ceremonies** stated that the deliberations during the past five days had successfully concluded. The past five days had been days of very hard work by very committed people. People committed to the cause of international law. He recalled that preparations for the conference began in January this year when the Secretary General came to Nairobi, and the Host National Committee tried its best to make the preparations of this Conference as good as could be expected. He hoped that they had met some of the expectations of this Conference. He stressed that this was not an one-man show, rather it was a team effort by the very committed Host Committee, which comprised of personnel from the Office of the President, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Attorney General's Office. He said he was honoured and privileged to chair the Host Committee and hoped that all the participants had enjoyed their stay in Kenya. With these remarks he began with the concluding statements. First on behalf of Asia, the State of Brunei Darussalam and on behalf of Africa, South Africa would make statements. New Zealand representing the Observer States and thereafter representing International Organizations Prof. Momtaz, Chairman of the International Law Commission would make statements. He announced that after the concluding session there would be a Dinner and Cultural Night hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Kenya and departure would be at 6.30 p.m. for all delegates.

2. He thanked members of the organizing committee, including the Liaison Officers, Protocol Officers, Security Officers, drivers, Secretaries and also the interpreters who came from Egypt. Very special thanks went to the Drafting Committee. Finally he hoped that, God willing, we should meet at the Forty-Fifth Session in New Delhi.

3. **The Secretary General** stated that the Secretariat team had distributed the

“Provisional Summary Records of the Forty –Fourth Session.” to all the delegations. Due to paucity of time it could not be thoroughly checked. Some portions namely proceedings of the last day were not reflected in it. However he requested the delegations of Member States, after going to their respective capitals and by the 15th of August, to go through it and send their comments if any. If the Secretariat in New Delhi does not receive any comments or corrections from any Member State, by that date, it would be taken as adopted by the all the Member States. .

**4. Statement by the Leader of
Delegation of Brunei Darussalam, Hon. Dato
Seri Paduka Haji Kifrawi Bin Dato Paduka
Haji Kifli, 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 honored to be accorded this privilege to propose a vote of thanks on behalf of the Asian Member 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. 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 Kenya for the generosity and warm hospitality extended to us throughout this Forty-fourth Session of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization.

Mr. President, I would also like to extend our congratulations to you and the Honourable Mr. Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail, 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 and gratitude in your ability to steer the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization to greater heights. We also applaud the Deputy Secretaries General and their Staff for their hard work and diligence. Indeed their collective efforts paved the way for the success of our Annual Session.

Mr. President, the Forty-fourth Session of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization would not have been meaningful without the participation of the international organizations that through their representatives have enriched us with their experience and presentations. Lastly, I bid farewell to all delegates until we meet again in New Delhi. Thank you.

5. Statement by Mr. T.F. Cronje, of South Africa on behalf of the African Member States

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 Kenya for hosting successfully the Forty-Fourth Session of AALCO and for the warm reception and comfortable stay accorded to all the delegations right from the time of our arrival until now.

Mr. President, 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. We would also like to offer our thanks to the President and the Vice President for steering the Session to a successful conclusion word of thanks to the interpreters.

Mr. President,

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 Kenya and for the rest of the delegations I wish them a safe journey.

Thank You

6. Statement by Right Hon'ble Justice Sir Kenneth Keith, Observer from New Zealand, on behalf of the Non-Member States

Thank you very much Mr. Master of Ceremonies,

Mr. President, Mr. Secretary-General, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen

I too am honoured to propose vote of thanks on this occasion of Non-Member State Observers of AALCO. I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to all participants in the Forty Fourth Session of the Asian African Legal Consultative Organization for having invited us. My sincere thanks also go to the Host Kenyan Government and to the Secretariat of AALCO. The topics chosen, especially the marvelous meeting on environmental law and sustainable development were contemporary and of vital importance. It is our wish and desire that the conclusions reached would be implemented and the organization will continue to be a valuable tool in the development of the continents of Asia and Africa and their own commitment to the rule of international law. We wish Asian African Legal Consultative Organization and its Member States a very success.

Thank you very much Mr. President

7. Statement by Prof. Djamshid Momtaz, President of the International Law Commission, on behalf of the International Organizations

I would like to on behalf of the International Organizations attending the Forty Fourth Annual Session Of AALCO, in Nairobi to say a few words at this closing 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 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 Kenya and the people of Nairobi for extending to us the most cordial and warm hospitality. I would like to express my thanks Amb. Dr. Wafik Zaher Kamil and to the Host Committee Staff and all who worked behind the scene. We will bring home our pleasant memory of Kenya and the people of Kenya. Thank you very much.

8. Concluding Statement by H.E. Mr Amos Wako, President of the Forty-Fourth Session.

Let me, first of all thank you all for reposing confidence on my Vice President and me by electing us to preside this important Session. I wish to adopt completely the word of thanks, which has been expressed this afternoon on behalf of Asia, Africa, Non-Member States and International Organizations. They all thanked the President and the Vice President for successfully steering the deliberations of the Forty- Fourth Session to a final conclusion. But I can assure you that the success was not in the President or is the Vice President, they only succeeded because you eminent delegates and participants were very supportive, very understanding and above all you were obedient to the President. That is what made possible to conclude this session successfully. AALCO continues to be more relevant today than ever before. Therefore, it is our responsibility as Members of AALCO to ensure that it has the necessary wherewithal to be useful to us. We should ensure commitments to the ideals of AALCO, we should ensure our concern that we from Africa and Asia have to contribute to the growth of international law in manner which takes into account the interests of our regions. And not just interests of the developed world. We have passed around 23 resolutions. And in each one

of those resolutions, urges Member States to do specific things. And I hope that what you are requested to do will be done. Also there are directives to the Secretariat to do specific jobs. I hope, God Willing, I will visit the Secretariat in the near future at least to get to know and also to see the progress of the Headquarters building, which is coming up.

We have renewed friendships, we have made new friends, and we have known new people. One cannot imagine that five days have gone. It is just like one day. I think that is because of the interest we all of us have in the discussions in the friendly manner which we have discussed issues in and out of this hall and generally in our positive attitude. And I wish to comment that continues. It will be amiss if, although I agree to the thanks expressed on behalf of the various regions and observers and international organizations, let me once again thank you all for participating effectively in these deliberations and for coming to Nairobi and taking time out of the busy schedule, I know you all are very busy people in their own countries. I thank you for that. Let me also thank the Secretariat for organizing various papers. I think each we attend AALCO Meetings, there is an improvement from the previous meeting in a manner that papers are presented, organized, typed and so on. So I would like you to continue on that part. Let me also thank my Host Committee, which was here. Let me thank everybody who participated in one-way or another. People providing us tea, water, of course interpreters, I know for sure that interpreters had very hard time. Because some of us were speaking a bit too fast or could not hear properly. So I thank you interpreters for the excellent job done. Let us hope that we shall see each one of you next year in New Delhi, India, at the Forty-Fifth Session of AALCO. In between we are going to meet each other in various foras either in the United Nations or regional meetings or workshops, which are mandated to be organized by the Secretariat. So I thank you all.

9. Master of Ceremonies requested the Secretary General to hand over the Message of Thanks to His Excellency the President of the

Republic of Kenya, which he has read on behalf of all, Members of AALCO, to the President of the Forty-fourth Session. The President of AALCO would personally deliver that Message to H.E. the President of Kenya. With these concluding remarks the curtain falls on the Forty Fourth Session of AALCO held in Nairobi, today, 1st day of July 2005.