



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (AALCO)**

AT HOTEL LE MERIDIAN

AALCO Headquarters, New Delhi, India, 16-20 May 2016

Monday, 16 May 2016

10:00 AM - 06:00 PM	Registration (lobby, Hotel Le Meridian)
02.30 PM - 05.30 PM	Inter-sessional Meeting on Violent Extremism and Its Manifestations (FF1, Hotel Le Meridian)
04.30 PM – 06.00 PM	6 th Meeting of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) (Club Lounge, 20 th Floor, Hotel Le Meridian)
07.30 PM onwards	Meeting of the Heads of Delegations with Prof. Dr. Rahmat Mohamad, Secretary-General of AALCO (“Inspire” (in the basement), Hotel Le Meridian) *Briefing the Heads of Delegations about main events of the Session. Followed by Dinner for the Heads of Delegations (invitees only) hosted by the Secretary General of AALCO.

Tuesday, 17 May 2016

08.00 AM – 9.30 AM	Registration (Conference Hall - “Sovereign”)
09.30 AM – 11.15 AM	- INAUGURAL SESSION¹ - Address by H.E. Mr. Liu Zhenmin , President of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Session, People’s Republic of China - Inaugural Address by Hon’ble Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

¹ Open to Member States, Non-Member States and Observers.

- Welcome Address by **H.E. Prof. Dr. Rahmat Mohamad**, Secretary-General, AALCO
- Vote of Thanks by the President of the Fifty Third Annual Session of AALCO, Islamic Republic of Iran
- Group Photo of Heads of Delegations and other dignitaries

11.15 AM – 11.30 AM

11.30 AM – 11.45 AM

Coffee/Tea Break

ORGANIZATIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

11.45 AM – 1.00 PM

FIRST MEETING OF THE DELEGATIONS OF THE AALCO MEMBER STATES²

- Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Tentative Schedule of Meetings and Events
- Admission of New Members and other related matters
- Admission of Observers
- Election of the President and Vice-President for the current Session
- Opening Statement by the President of the Fifty-Fifth Annual Session

FIRST GENERAL MEETING³

Release of AALCO Publications

- Yearbook of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization
- AALCO Journal of International Law
- Two Special Studies
 - (i) Marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction: An Asian-African Perspective; and
 - (ii) International Law in Cyberspace⁴
- Coffee table book for the 60th Anniversary of AALCO⁵

01.00 PM – 02.30 PM

- ***Lunch***

01.15 PM – 02.15 PM

Side-Event organized by the Government of Japan on “International Cooperation in Combating Violent Extremism and Terrorism”, FF1, Hotel Le Meridian (Note: Lunch will be provided)

02.30 PM – 04.30 PM

SECOND MEETING OF THE DELEGATIONS OF THE AALCO MEMBER STATES⁶

² Participation of Heads of Delegations is necessary in the Meeting of Delegations. This meeting is also open to Member States, Non-Member States and Observers.

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⁴ To be released later when ready.

⁵ *Ibid.*

⁶ Open only to Member States

- Report of the Secretary-General on the Work of the Organization and Financial Matters of AALCO
 - AALCO's Budget for the year 2017
 - Regulations on AALCO's Secretary-General's Salary, Allowances and Other Entitlements
- 4.30 PM – 4.45 PM - *Tea/coffee break*
- 4.45 PM – 6.00 PM - Election of the new Secretary-General
- 06.15 PM onwards** **Photo exhibition and Dinner/Reception hosted the Government of the People's Republic of China, at the Hotel Le Meridian, "Sovereign Hall"**

Wednesday, 18 May 2016

- 9.30 AM – 1.00 PM **SECOND GENERAL MEETING⁷**
- General Statements by the Honourable Ministers, Heads of Delegations of Member States, Non-Member States, International Organizations and Others (Theme: 60th anniversary of AALCO and its significance)
- 01.00 PM- 02.30 PM - *Lunch*

SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION

- THIRD GENERAL MEETING⁸**
- 02.30 PM – 04.30 PM - **Violent Extremism and Terrorism (Legal Aspects)**
- (It is suggested that the deliberations may focus on AALCO Principles and Guidelines to Combat Violent Extremism)
- 04.30 PM – 04.45 PM - *Tea/coffee break*
- 04.45 PM – 06.15 PM - **WTO as a Framework Agreement and Code of Conduct for World Trade**
- Panelist:** Prof. Abhijit Das, Head, Centre for WTO Studies, IIFT, New Delhi. Topic of presentation: "Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) and its Legal Implications for WTO"

(It is suggested that the deliberations may focus on (i) The continued relevance of WTO; or (ii) WTO and its relationship with Regional Trade Arrangements)

⁷ It would be preferable that all the statements by the Heads of Delegations are made during the Second General Meeting; each statement should be a maximum of 5-7 minutes.

⁸ Open to Member States, Non-Member States and observers.

07.00 PM - 09.00 PM

Reception hosted by the Government of Japan, at the Japanese Ambassador's Residence in Chanakyapuri (same entrance as Embassy of Japan) (Note: a shuttle bus from the Hotel Le Meridian to the venue will be available. An announcement of the time will be made during the session).

Thursday, 19 May 2016

09.30 AM – 01.00 PM

- **Half-Day Special Meeting on “Selected Items on the Agenda of the International Law Commission**

The meeting would focus on the following three areas⁹:

- (i) Protection of the Atmosphere;
- (ii) Crimes against Humanity; and
- (iii) *Jus Cogens*

Statement by Dr. Roy Lee, Permanent Observer of AALCO to the United Nations in New York.

01.00 PM – 02.30 PM

- **Lunch**

FOURTH GENERAL MEETING¹⁰

02.30 PM – 04.30 PM

- **Law of the Sea**

(It is suggested that the deliberations may focus on marine biodiversity)

04.30 PM – 04.45PM

- **Tea/coffee break**

04.45 PM – 06.30 PM

- **Working Group Meeting on International Law in Cyberspace**

(According to the AALCO Statutory Rules, Member States are requested to elect a Chair, Vice-Chair and Special Rapporteur of the Working Group from among themselves; the Working Group discussions shall be on the themes of sovereignty, peaceful use, international cooperation with regard to cybercrimes and relevant provisions of the UN Charter etc. as mandated at the 54th Annual Session)

07.00 PM

Dinner/Reception hosted by the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, at Hotel Le Meridian, “Sovereign Hall”

Friday, 20 May 2016

09.30 AM- 10.30 AM

- **Violations of International Law in Palestine and Other Occupied Territories by Israel and Other International Legal Issues related to the Question of Palestine**

10.30 AM – 12.00 PM

THIRD MEETING OF THE DELEGATIONS OF AALCO MEMBER STATES¹¹

- Report on the work of the AALCO's Regional

⁹ Member States wishing to make comments on other agenda items of the ILC are encouraged to do so.

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¹¹ Open only to Member States.

Arbitration Centres (each report is 10-15 minutes)

- Report by the Chairperson of the EPG
- Report of the Chairperson of Working Group on International Law in Cyberspace

12.00 PM –01.30 PM

- **Lunch**

04.00 PM- 6.00 PM

THIRD MEETING OF THE DELEGATIONS OF AALCO MEMBER STATES* (CONTD)

- Adoption of Message of Thanks to the President of the Republic of India
- Venue of AALCO's Fifty-Sixth Annual Session
- Adoption of Resolutions and Summary Report of the Session

FIFTH GENERAL MEETING AND CONCLUDING SESSION¹²

Vote of Thanks

- Asian Member State
- African Member State
- International Organizations
- Closing Remarks by President of the Fifty-Fifth Annual Session of AALCO

7.00 PM Onwards

Dinner/Reception hosted by the Government of India, at Hotel Le Meridian, "Sovereign Hall".

Informal/parallel meetings:

Informal meetings on draft resolutions

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