TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

AT KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE (KICC), HARAMBEE AVENUE, NEXT TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUILDING, NAIROBI, REPUBLIC OF KENYA, 1ST TO 5TH MAY 2017

EXACT VENUE FOR EACH EVENT WILL BE CONFIRMED AND INTIMATED LATER.

Sunday, 30 April 2017

10:00 AM – 06:00 PM Registration

Monday, 1 May 2017

08:00 AM – 02:00 PM Registration

02.30 PM - 03.30 PM 7th Meeting of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) (Tentative)*

04.00 PM – 06.00 PM Working Group Meeting on Violent Extremism and Terrorism

07:30 PM onwards Meeting of the Heads of Delegations with Prof. Dr. Kennedy Gastorn, Secretary-General of AALCO *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.

*This meeting upon invitation is exclusively for the members of the EPG.
09.30 AM – 11.15 AM  **INAUGURAL SESSION**

- Welcome Address by **H.E. Prof. Dr. Kennedy Gastorn**, Secretary-General, AALCO

- Address by **H.E. Dr. V.D. Sharma**, President of the Fifty-Fifth Annual Session, New Delhi (HQ)

- **Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest, Government of Republic of Kenya**

- Vote of Thanks by the Head of the Chinese Delegation on behalf of **H.E. Mr. Liu Zhenmin, President of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Session of AALCO, People’s Republic of China**

11.15 AM – 11.30 AM  Group Photo of Heads of Delegations and other dignitaries

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 STATES**

- Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Tentative Schedule of Meetings and Events

- Admission of New Member States

- Admission of Observers

- Election of the President and Vice-President for the current Session

- Opening Statement by the President of the Fifty-Sixth Annual Session

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2^Open to Member States, Non-Member States and Observers as well as other invited dignitaries and guests.

3^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.
FIRST GENERAL MEETING

Release of AALCO Publications

- Yearbook of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization
- AALCO Journal of International Law
- Two Special Studies
  (i) “Legality of Prolonged Israeli Occupation of the Occupied Palestinian territory and its Colonial Practices under International Law and International Humanitarian Law”; and
  (ii) International Law in Cyberspace

01.00 PM – 02.30 PM - **Lunch**

01:30PM – 02:30 PM  Side Event: “International Workshop “Promoting Rule of Law in Asia and Africa – Japan’s Contribution”, hosted by the Government of Japan (TBC)

02.30 PM – 04.30 PM  SECOND MEETING OF THE DELEGATIONS OF THE AALCO MEMBER STATES

- AALCO’s Budget for the Year 2018

4.30 PM – 4.45 PM - Tea/coffee break

4.45 PM – 6.00 PM - SECOND GENERAL MEETING

**General Statements** by the Honourable Ministers, Heads of Delegations of Member States, Non-Member States, International Organizations and Others (Theme: “Rule of Law, Multilateralism and the Role of International and Regional Organizations in the Changing World Scenario”)

06.15 PM onwards Reception/ Dinner hosted by the Government of the People’s Republic of China (TBC)

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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.
**Wednesday, 3 May 2017**

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<td>- General Statements by the Honourable Ministers, Heads</td>
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**SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION**

**THIRD GENERAL MEETING**<sup>9</sup>

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(Discussion would focus on developments in the AALCO inter-sessional meetings as well as other UN resolutions adopted since the Fifty-Fifth Annual Session of AALCO)

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(Deliberation would *inter alia* focus on the Global Compact on Refugees and Migrants)

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<sup>8</sup>*Ibid.*  
<sup>9</sup>Open to Member States, Non-Member States and observers.  
<sup>10</sup>This Report will focus on the outcome of the WGM held on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017.
Thursday, 4 May 2017

09.30AM – 01.00 PM - First Half-Day Special Meeting on “Selected Items on the Agenda of the International Law Commission”

The meeting would focus on the following three areas:

(i) Protection of the Atmosphere;
(ii) Immunity of State Officials from Foreign Criminal Jurisdiction; and
(iii) Jus Cogens

01.00 PM – 02.00 PM - Lunch

02.00 PM – 05.00PM - Second Half-Day Special Meeting on “The International Criminal Court: Recent Developments”

05.00 PM – 05.15 PM - Tea/coffee break

FOURTH GENERAL MEETING

05.15 PM – 06.30 PM Discussions on the Special Study on the “Legality of Prolonged Israeli Occupation of the Occupied Palestinian territory and its Colonial Practices under International Law and International Humanitarian Law”

07:00 PM Farewell Dinner hosted by the Government of the Republic of Kenya (TBC)

Friday, 5 May 2017

FOURTH GENERAL MEETING (Contd)

09.30 AM- 10.30 AM - International Law in Cyberspace

Report of the Chairperson of Working Group on International Law in Cyberspace

(It is suggested that deliberation may focus on Cyber governance and Cyber security)

10.30 AM – 12.00 PM THIRD MEETING OF THE DELEGATIONS OF AALCO MEMBER STATES

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11 The Panelists for this meeting are yet to be finalized. Member States wishing to make comments on other agenda items of the ILC are encouraged to do so.
12 The Panelists for this meeting are yet to be decided.
13 This Report will focus on the deliberations and outcome of the 2nd Working Group Meeting held on 9-10 February 2017 in New Delhi.
14 Open only to Member States.
- Report on the work of the AALCO’s Regional Arbitration Centres (each report is 10-15 minutes)

Report by the Chairperson of the EPG (TBC)

12.00 PM –01.30 PM  
- *Lunch*

05.00 PM- 6.30 PM  
**THIRD MEETING OF THE DELEGATIONS OF AALCO MEMBER STATES’ (CONTD)**

- Adoption of Message of Thanks to the President of the Republic of Kenya
- Venue of AALCO’s Fifty-Seventh Annual Session
- Adoption of Resolutions and Summary Report of the Session

**FIFTH GENERAL MEETING AND CONCLUDING SESSION**¹⁵

**Vote of Thanks**

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

**7.00 PM Onwards**  
**Cocktail hosted by the Government of the Republic of Kenya (TBC)**

**Informal/parallel meetings:**  
Informal meetings on draft resolutions

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