Training Programme for the Diplomats and Officials from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia "On the Working of AALCO" (12 -13 March 2012)

A Training Programme on the "Working of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization" (AALCO), took place on the 12th and 13th of March 2012 at the Secretariat of the AALCO in New Delhi. This was organized with the objective of enlightening the Diplomats and Officials from the Ministry of Justice, Saudi Arabia as regards various aspects of the functioning of the Organization. A public International Law Firm, namely Volterra Fietta functioning in London, had also contributed towards the convening of this Programme.

The Secretary-General of AALCO His Excellency Prof. Dr. Rahmat Mohamad had delivered the Welcome Remarks and highlighted the objective of the exercise in detail. It was followed by some remarks made by a Representative from Volterra Fietta. In the Business Session, the Secretary-General had given an elaborate presentation as to the historical background of AALCO and the vast trajectory it has travelled in the past 55 years. In another presentation, Mrs. Anuradha Bakshi, Assistant Principle Legal Officer discussed a number of issues as regards: how does the Organisation Function; and what are its basic structures. In the later part of the day, the Substantive Agenda Items of AALCO was discussed at length by the Secretary General.

The next day also saw the Secretary-General continuing on the Substantive Agendas of AALCO and a presentation by Mrs. Anuradha Bakshi on AALCO's Cooperation with Other International Organizations. In the Third Substantive Session, the Secretary General discussed about the AALCO-International Law Commission (ILC) relations and highlighted the need to reflect the concerns and interests of the developing countries at the ILC. The critical role of AALCO in this enterprise was clearly brought home by him. This was followed by a session of Question and Answer with participants. The programme ended with the Awarding of Certificates to the participants.