

Exchange of Letters Between the then Director of Council of Europe and the then Secretary General on Matters Relating to Co-operation Between AALCO and the Council of Europe, 28 September 1976

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Dear Mr. Sen,

With a view to developing and stimulating the co-operation between the Asian-African Legal consultative Committee (abbreviated the Committee) and the Directorate of Legal Affairs of the council of Europe (abbreviated the Directorate), our working relations might be arranged along with following lines:

1. In carrying out their respective functions, the Committee and the Directorate attach great value to a close and continued co-operation.

2. This co-operation shall be pursued in particular by the following means and procedures:

(i) The Committee and the Directorate will upon request make available to each other any information and documents concerning activities of mutual interest, subject in particular cases to the necessity of safe guarding the confidential nature of certain informat or documents.

(ii) The Committee and the Directorate will automatically send to each other any periodical documentation such as annual reports and printed publications concerning their activities in the fields of civil, commercial environmental and private and public international law Documentation relating to administrative, penal and other branches of law will be sent if the subject matter is supposed to be of interest to the other organization.

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(iii) The Committee and the Directorate will take the necessary steps to ensure that they can be invited to each other's meetings where matters of mutual interest are to be examined. They will, to the extent that circumstances permit, endeavour to arrange for adequate representation at such meetings. This will primarily apply to the Committee's annual sessions and to the twice-yearly sessions of the Committee on Legal Co-operation (C.C.J.) of the Council of Europe.

(iv) The Committee and the Directorate will consult each other in writing on matters and activities of mutual interest.

(v) The Committee and the Directorate will to the extent which their resources allow, assist each other in the collection of information relating to the legal system in the respective region.

3. The Committee and the Directorate will develop other forms of mutual assistance in the light of developing needs and experiences.

I hope that a future collaboration may in the mutual benefit of our organizations be based on the above arrangements and I should be grateful if you would let me know whether this outline accords with your own view of the matter.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-
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