

Preface

The Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization achieves another significant milestone in its history as it completes fifty years. This collection of essays is being brought out in commemoration of the AALCO's golden jubilee celebrations. This exercise is in continuation of earlier practice of bringing out 'Essays in International Law' periodically on earlier occasions. Earlier on, to commemorate its twentieth, twenty-fifth, thirtieth, fortieth and forty-fifth anniversaries, AALCO brought out similar publications. For an organization of AALCO's nature, publications constitute an important aspect of its activities. Keeping this in view, AALCO Secretariat, in the recent past, has streamlined its publications and now it publishes Newsletter, AALCO Quarterly Bulletin and the Yearbook on regular basis. In addition to these, it also publishes special studies on topics those are of relevance for Member States.

Essays in this volume cover broad spectrum of issues while at the same time focusing on the contribution of AALCO in the progressive development of international law and its codification in the last fifty years. On behalf of AALCO and on my own behalf, I would like to express my deep gratitude to all the authors for their valuable contributions to the volume. This volume also contains tables providing information about AALCO's previous annual sessions and the agenda items that were deliberated upon during the last fifty years. These tables are prepared based on the information collated from the AALCO Secretariat archival sources. I thank Mr. Shikhar Ranjan, Senior Legal Officer and Mr. Senthil Kumar, Legal Officer, for their meticulous and creative efforts in putting the information together, under my guidance. I also thank Dr. Burra Srinivas, Senior Legal Officer, for his editorial assistance.

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