

**RESOLUTIONS ON
ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**RES/45/ORG 1
8 APRIL 2006**

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
GENERAL ON ORGANIZATIONAL,
ADMINISTRATIVE, AND FINANCIAL
MATTERS**

*The Asian-African Legal Consultative
Organization at its Forty-Fifth Session,*

Conscious of the functions and the purposes of the Organization as referred to in Article 1 of the Revised Statutes,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on Organizational, Administrative and Financial Matters pursuant to Rule 20 (7) of Statutory Rules as contained in Document No. AALCO/45/HEADQUARTERS SESSION (NEW DELHI) /2006/SD/ORG 1,

Appreciating the efforts of the Secretary-General to enhance the activities of the Organization and to implement its work programme as approved at its Forty-Fourth Session in Nairobi,

Bearing in mind that 2006 marks the fiftieth anniversary of AALCO,

Welcoming the continued practice towards the rationalization of its work programme, including consideration of the agenda items during its annual sessions,

1. **Expresses its satisfaction** over the increasing co-operation between the Organization and the United Nations, its Specialized Agencies and other Intergovernmental Organizations;

2. **Approves** the work programme of the Organization for the year 2006 as set out in the Report of the Secretary-General and urges Member States to extend their full

support to the implementation of that programme;

3. **Requests** the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to enlarge the Membership of the Organization including Central Asian States, South-East Asian States and French-speaking countries from both regions and to mobilize financial resources to have French as an additional working language during the coming sessions;

4. **Encourages** Member States to make voluntary contributions to support the organization of seminars/meetings or to conduct projects on any specified topic under the approved work programme of the Organization;

5. **Thanks** the Government of India for its generous financial support in the convening of the Headquarters Session;

6. **Requests** the Member States to make suggestions to the Secretary-General on the commemoration of the ongoing Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Organization and urges them to cooperate in this great event through voluntary contribution; and

7. **Also commends** the initiative of the Secretary-General in inviting experts and scholars of international law to contribute articles for the proposed commemorative volume of Essays in International Law to be released during the Golden Jubilee Year;

8. **Requests** the Secretary-General to report on the activities of the Organization at its Forty-Sixth Session.

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**AALCO's BUDGET FOR THE YEAR
2007**

*The Asian-African Legal Consultative
Organization at its Forty-Fifth Session,*

Taking note of the proposed budget for the year 2007 contained in Document No.AALCO/45/HEADQUARTERS SESSION (NEW DELHI)/2006/SD/ORG 2,

Recalling operative paragraph 3 of the RES/44/ORG 2 of 1 July 2005 adopted at the Forty-Fourth Session held in Nairobi,

Appreciating the efforts of the Secretary-General towards economizing the expenditure and the optimum utilization of the finances of the Organization,

Expressing serious concern about the increasing arrears due to non-payment of annual contributions by some Member States,

Taking into account the recommendation on budgetary proposals for the year 2007 adopted at the 290th Meeting of the Liaison Officers on 28th February 2006,

Taking into account, also, the fact that the Scale of Contributions did not change since 1993,

1. **Approves** the Budget for the year 2007 as proposed;

2. **Requests** Member States to pay their contributions for the year 2007 as soon as possible in accordance with their budgetary system;

3. **Urges** those Member States who are in arrears to fulfill their financial obligations and to clear expeditiously the same and in order to enjoy the right to get involved actively in various official events stipulated

in AALCO's current Statutes and Statutory Rules;

4. **Also urges** those Member States who are facing financial difficulties in defraying their annual contributions due to conditions beyond their control to furnish to the Secretary-General detailed information on those financial difficulties; and

5. **Agrees**, upon the request of Somalia and the comprehensive explanation of the Secretary-General related to the great justified financial difficulties of Somalia, to waive all its arrears and dispense Somalia from paying its contributions until it is in a position to do so.

6. **Requests** the Secretary-General to prepare in consultation with Liaison Officers a draft revised Scale of the Contributions to match with the continuous rise of the living cost in general and the expected increase in the Secretariat's running costs after the shifting to the new Permanent Headquarters Building;

7. **Also requests** the Secretary-General to follow-up, within Budgetary Advisory Panel of Liaison Officers and in the Meetings of Liaison Officers, to find concrete measures to solve the aforesaid issues, mainly the problem of arrears and to report on the implementation of this resolution at its Forty-Sixth Session.

**DEC/45/ORG 2
8 April 2006**

**DECISION REGARDING EXEMPTING
SOMALIA FROM DEFRAYING ITS
ARREARS OF CONTRIBUTION AND
ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION**

*The Asian-African Legal Consultative
Organization at its Forty-Fifth Session,*

Acknowledges the request from Somalia to waive its arrears and dispense it from making annual contribution due to

financial difficulties arising out of condition beyond its control,

Having heard the elaborate statement of the Secretary-General regarding the great financial difficulties of Somalia,

1. **Decides** to waive all arrears of Somalia;
2. **Also decides** to dispense Somalia from making annual contribution until decided otherwise.

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**PROGRESS REPORT ON AALCO'S
REGIONAL CENTRES FOR
ARBITRATION**

*The Asian-African Legal Consultative
Organization at its Forty-Fifth Session,*

Having considered the Progress Report on AALCO's Regional Centres for Arbitration contained in Document No. AALCO/45/HEADQUARTERS SESSION (NEWDELHI)/2006/ORG 3,

Reaffirming the commitment by the governments of Member States towards enhancing the role of the Regional Arbitration Centres,

Recalling its decision relating to the Integrated Scheme for the Settlement of Disputes in Economic and Commercial Transactions adopted at its Doha Session in 1978,

Expressing its satisfaction over the increasing use of the facilities and the opportunities offered for both domestic and international arbitrations under the auspices of its Regional Arbitration Centres,

Welcomes the proposal for the establishment of the fifth AALCO's

Regional Arbitration Centre in Nairobi, with the cooperation and financial assistance of the Government of the Republic of Kenya,

Also welcomes the establishment and inauguration of the Advisory Committee of the Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, Lagos on February 7, 2006,

1. **Appreciates** the efforts and contributions of the Governments of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia and Nigeria for hosting the respective Regional Arbitration Centres;

2. **Also appreciates** the promotional activities undertaken by the Directors of the Centres, including organization of seminars and training programmes, to promote international commercial arbitration in the Asian and African regions;

3. **Reiterates** the earlier decision of the AALCO on the necessity for the governments of Member States to promote and support the use of the Regional Arbitration Centres;

4. **Also reiterates** its proposal that after consultation with the Directors of the respective Regional Arbitration Centres, the holding of International Arbitration Conference biennially, by rotation in each of the four Arbitration Centres, with the support of Member States;

5. **Welcomes** the Agreement and MOU signed between the AALCO and the Government of the Republic of Kenya for the Establishment of the Regional Centre for Arbitration in Nairobi on 3 April 2006;

6. **Requests** the Secretary-General of AALCO, in cooperation with the Government of the Republic of Kenya, to facilitate the implementation of the Agreement and MOU for the establishment of the Nairobi Regional Arbitration Centre; and

7. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda of its Forty-Sixth Session.

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**AALCO'S CENTRE FOR RESEARCH
AND TRAINING**

*The Asian-African Legal Consultative
Organization at its Forty-Fifth Session,*

Having considered the report of the Secretariat on the AALCO's Centre for Research and Training (CRT), contained in Document No. AALCO/45/HEAD-QUARTERS SESSION (NEWDELHI)/2006/ORG 4,

Recognizing the need and importance of the exchange of information among AALCO, its Member States, the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies, and other International Organizations for improved capacity-building and enhancement of legal expertise in areas of international law,

Bearing in mind the effective role of research and training in promoting the objectives of the Organization,

Also bearing in mind a more proactive role the Centre could play in furthering the mandate of the Organization in making best use of the new Headquarters Building equipped with modern technology and infrastructure facilities,

Appreciates the efforts of the Secretariat in preparing special studies on matters of common concern and its plan to hold training programmes in cooperation with Inter-governmental Organizations and to ensure financial support to these programmes,

Also appreciating the efforts of the Secretariat towards the continuous upgrading of the Organization's website,

1. **Requests** the Secretariat to maintain, update and improve the technical efficiency of the website for facilitating communication between the Secretariat, the Member States, the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies, and other International Organizations;

2. **Also requests** the Secretary-General to foster capacity-building of the Centre to carry out further research projects on international law and to organize training programmes for the benefit of the officials of Member States handling international law issues;

3. **Urges** Member States to furnish information and other relevant materials in order to enhance the activities of the Centre for Research and Training (CRT);

4. **Decides** to establish a "Research and Training Fund" in the Golden Jubilee year of AALCO, exclusively to promote and strengthen Research and Training under the CRT, to which voluntary contributions could be made by the Member States, with a view to providing a sustainable financial basis to the Centre to undertake its mandated activities;

5. **Directs** the Secretariat to take necessary measures to promote the awareness about the Centre so that the services available in the Centre would be made use of by the public and private sectors in the Member States;

6. **Requests** the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of establishing an annual legal training fellowship programme for legal officers from Member States of the Organization, on selected fields of international law, and to report to the Forty-Sixth Session on the feasibility as well as the administrative and financial implications of the establishment of the programme; and

7. **Also requests** the Secretary-General to report on the progress made in the work of the Centre for Research and Training at its Forty-Sixth Session.

**RES/45/ORG 5
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**INAUGURATION OF THE
PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS OF
THE ASIAN -AFRICAN LEGAL
CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION**

*The Asian-African Legal Consultative
Organization at its Forty-Fifth Session,*

Having considered the Report on the Matters relating to the construction of AALCO's Headquarters Building contained in Document No. AALCO/45/HEADQUARTERS SESSION (NEW DELHI)/2006/SD/ORG 1,

Recalling the decision (Res. No. SS/1997/1) adopted at its Special Session in New Delhi on 14 October 1997, by which it decided that its Permanent Headquarters be located in New Delhi,

Also recalling the Headquarters Agreement signed between the AALCO and the Government of India, on 26 April 2000,

Mindful of the long-cherished desire of the Member States of AALCO to have its Permanent Headquarters,

Deeply appreciates the extraordinary efforts exerted by the Secretary-General in coordinating with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and several local authorities for the completion in the best functional way the Headquarters Building,

Having heard with appreciation the comprehensive thanksgiving statement by the Secretary-General on behalf of the

Member States, and the Secretariat, to the Government of India for gifting it with its Permanent Headquarters and hoping that the remaining issues would be expeditiously sorted out,

Expressing its appreciation and thanks to Hon'ble Mr. Anand Sharma, Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India for inaugurating the Permanent Headquarters of AALCO, on 6th April 2006 which coincides with the Golden Jubilee and the convening of the Forty-Fifth (Headquarters) Session of the AALCO and his elaborate statement on that occasion,

1. **Thanks** the people and Government of India for their magnanimity in gifting to AALCO its magnificent Permanent Headquarters in the prestigious Diplomatic Enclave of Chanakyapuri, New Delhi;

2. **Requests** the Secretary-General to expedite, in coordination with the concerned authorities of the Government of India, the total completion of the building in order to enable the Secretariat to shift to its Permanent Headquarters.

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**VENUE OF THE FORTY-SIXTH
SESSION**

*The Asian-African Legal Consultative
Organization at the Forty-Fifth Session*

Recalling with gratitude the invitation extended by the Government of Sudan during the Forty-Third session, to host the Forty-Fifth session of the AALCO in Khartoum,

Keeping in view the statement of the Secretary-General wherein he explained that the Government of Sudan has accepted to postpone the invitation to the Forty-Sixth

Session upon the request of the Secretary-General due to many circumstances related to the shifting to the new Headquarters and the necessity to hold the Forty-Fifth Session in the Permanent Headquarters to enable all the delegations of Member States to attend the inauguration of the new Headquarters,

Recalling also its decision (RES/44/ORG 7) adopted by the Forty-Fourth Session, by which it agreed that the Forty-Sixth Session be held in Khartoum upon confirmation from the Government of Sudan, which was confirmed by way of renewed invitation by the Head of Delegation of Government of Sudan during the present session,

Decides that the Forty-Sixth session would be held in Khartoum in Sudan.