

**RESOLUTIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE
MATTERS**

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**MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK
OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW
COMMISSION**

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

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/45/HEAD-QUARTERS SESSION (NEW DELHI)/2006/SD/S 1,

Having heard with appreciation the introductory statement of the Secretary-General,

Having followed with great interest the deliberations on the item reflecting the views of Member States on the work of the ILC,

1. **Expresses** its appreciation on the comprehensive statement made by the Chairman of the ILC on its work;
2. **Affirms** the significance of the contribution of the ILC to the progressive development of international law and its codification;
3. **Urges** Member States to communicate their comments and observations regarding issues identified by the ILC on various topics currently on its agenda;
4. **Commends** the initiative of the Secretary-General in convening a joint AALCO-ILC meeting in conjunction with AALCO Legal Advisers' meeting held in New York in October 2005, and the fruitful exchange of views on the items deliberated during that meeting;

5. **Requests** the Secretary-General to continue convening such meetings in future;

6. **Also requests** the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the ILC at its Fifty-Eighth Session the views expressed on the items on its agenda during the Forty-Fifth Session of the AALCO; and

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

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LAW OF THE SEA

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

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/45/HEAD-QUARTERS SESSION (NEW DELHI)/2006/SD/S 2,

Having heard with appreciation the introductory statement of the Deputy Secretary-General,

Recognizing the universal character of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982 (UNCLOS), and its legal framework governing the issues relating to the management of the oceans,

Mindful of the historical contribution made by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization in the elaboration of the UNCLOS,

Conscious that the AALCO has been regularly following the implementation of the UNCLOS and its Implementing Agreements,

Hopeful that in view of the importance of law of the sea issues AALCO would maintain its consideration on the agenda item on the Law of the Sea and continue to

perform its historical role on the law of the sea matters,

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Taking note also of the deliberations at the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process established by the General Assembly to facilitate annual review of the developments in ocean affairs,

Welcoming the active role being played by the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in the peaceful settlement of disputes with regard to ocean related matters,

1. **Reaffirms** that in accordance with Part XI of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982, the Area and its resources are the common heritage of mankind and should be used for the benefit of the mankind as a whole;

2. **Urges** the full and effective participation of its Member States in the work of the International Seabed Authority and other related bodies established by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, as well as in the United Nations Informal Consultative Process so as to ensure and safeguard their legitimate interests;

3. **Requests** the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of organizing a meeting of experts to deliberate on the emerging issues on the Convention on the Law of the Sea and legal order of the Oceans.

4. **Urges** interested Member Governments to extend financial assistance to the Secretariat to facilitate the holding of the meeting of experts; and

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

THE DEPORTATION OF PALESTINIANS AND OTHER ISRAELI PRACTICES AMONG THEM THE MASSIVE IMMIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT OF JEWS IN ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW PARTICULARLY THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION OF 1949

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

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/45/HEADQUARTERS SESSION (NEW DELHI)/2006/SD/S 4,

Having heard with appreciation the introductory statement of the Secretary-General,

Having followed with great interest the deliberations on the item reflecting the views of Member States,

Being Mindful of the serious obstacles created by the occupying power, which hinder the achievement of peace in the region,

Being aware of the Israeli disengagement from Gaza strip and parts of Northern West Bank,

Welcoming the free and fair election to the Palestinian Legislative Council, which has accelerated the pace of the democratic process,

Stressing the significance of respecting the democratic choice of the Palestinian people,

Condemning Israel's acts of violence and use of force against Palestinians, resulting in injury, loss of life

and destruction, coercive migration and deportation in violation of human rights and the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949,

Stressing the need for compliance with existing Israeli – Palestinian agreements concluded in order to reach a final settlement,

Being Concerned about the continuing dangerous deterioration of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and about the severe consequences of continuous illegal Israeli settlements activities as well as the harsh economic conditions and other consequences for the Palestinians, resulting from the frequent closures and isolation of the occupied Palestinian territories, and about war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in these territories, and calling for the implementation of resolution 1405(2002) on the dire humanitarian situation of the Palestinian population and the fact finding team,

Welcoming the Advisory Opinion rendered by the International Court of Justice in the case concerning the *Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory*, and related General Assembly Resolution (A/RES/ES-10/15 of 20th July 2004),

Being Deeply concerned about the tenacity of Israel in proceeding with the construction of wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory,

Acknowledging with deep concern that the Security Council is still unable to adopt a resolution stipulating the illegality of the Israeli expansionist wall,

Expressing hope for the success of the peace efforts exerted by the international community for the achievement of a just and comprehensive solution of the question of Palestine on the basis of Security Council resolutions 194 (1949), 242 (1967), 338 (1973), 425 (1978) and 1397(2002) on the

formula of “land for peace” and the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, and expressing solidarity with the Palestinian people and their elected leadership,

1. **Expresses** its support to the Arab Peace Initiative for resolving the issue of Palestine and the Middle East, adopted by the 14th Arab Summit held in Beirut (Lebanon) on 28 March 2002 as well as other peace initiatives including the Road Map;

2. **Strongly condemns** the extra judicial, summary or arbitrary execution of the Palestinian leaders and reiterates the conviction that targeted assassinations as well as act of violence against civilians will only lead to escalating violence in the region;

3. **Demands** that Israel, the Occupying Power, comply fully with the provisions and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Regulations annexed to the Hague Convention of 1907 and the Geneva Conventions in particular the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949, in order to protect the rights of Palestinians;

4. **Demands** that Israel, comply with its legal obligations as mentioned in the Advisory Opinion rendered by the International Court of Justice in the case concerning the *Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory*, and related General Assembly Resolution (A/RES/ES-10/15 of 20th July 2004);

5. **Strongly demands** that Israel stops and reverses the construction of the wall in the Occupied Palestinian territory;

6. **Also demands** for an immediate cessation of all acts of violence, including all acts of terror, provocation, incitement and destruction of property and calls for the immediate and full withdrawal of Israeli (occupying) forces from Palestinian

territories in implementation of Security Council Resolution 1402 (2002) 1403 (2002) 1515 (2003) and 1544 (2004) as a first step for ending the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land occupied since 1967;

7. **Calls upon** Israel to ensure the return of refugees and displaced Palestinians to their homes and the restoration to them of their properties, in compliance with the relevant UN resolutions;

8. **Affirms** that a comprehensive, just and durable solution can only be achieved by ending the occupation in pursuance of the existing agreements between the parties and the relevant Security Council and General Assembly resolutions, which will allow all the countries of the region to live in peace, security and harmony;

9. **Directs** the Secretariat to closely follow-up the developments in occupied territories from the view point of relevant legal aspects; and

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

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**EXTRA-TERRITORIAL APPLICATION
OF NATIONAL LEGISLATION:
SANCTIONS IMPOSED AGAINST
THIRD PARTIES**

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

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/45/HEAD-QUARTERS SESSION (NEW DELHI)/2006/SD/S 6,

Taking note, with appreciation, of the comments included in the Report of the Secretary-General,

Recognizing the significance, complexity and implications of the above subject,

Expressing its concern that the imposition of unilateral sanctions on third parties is not in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and the general principles of international law, particularly non-interference in internal affairs, sovereign equality, freedom of trade and peaceful settlement of disputes,

Being aware that extra-territorial application of national legislation in an increasingly interdependent world retards the progress of the Sanctioned State and impedes the establishment of an equitable, multilateral, non-discriminatory rule-based trading regime,

Reaffirming the importance of adherence to the rules of international law in international relations,

1. **Directs** the Secretariat to continue to study legal implications related to the Extra-territorial Application of National Legislation: Sanctions Imposed Against Third Parties and the executive orders imposing sanctions against target States;

2. **Urges** Member States to provide relevant information and materials to the Secretariat relating to national legislation and related information on this subject; and

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

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RES/45/S 8
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JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY

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

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/45/HEAD-QUARTERS SESSION (NEW DELHI)/2006/SD/S 7,

Taking note with appreciation, of the comments included in the Report of the Secretary-General,

Welcoming the adoption of the Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and Their Properties by the General Assembly of the United Nations in its Resolution 59/38 of 2nd December 2004,

Recognizing the importance of the subject,

1. **Encourages** AALCO Member States to become parties to the aforesaid Convention;
2. **Reiterates** the mandate of the Secretariat to compile national legislation, jurisprudence and practices of Member States on this subject item and renews its request to those Member States who have not done so, to transmit to the Secretariat any relevant materials in this regard;
3. **Directs** the Secretariat to continue to follow up the developments on this subject item; and
4. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda as and when required.

INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

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

Having considered Secretariat Document No. AALCO/45/HEADQUARTERS SESSION (NEW DELHI)/2006/SD/S 8,

Taking note of the Special Study on International Terrorism prepared by the Secretariat,

Having heard with appreciation the introductory statement of the Deputy Secretary-General,

Having followed with great interest the deliberations on the subject item reflecting the views of Member States,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly relating to measures to eliminate international terrorism and the efforts to prevent, combat and eliminate terrorism through the elaboration of and adherence to international and regional conventions,

Welcoming the adoption of the Convention on Nuclear Terrorism by the General Assembly of United Nations on 15th April 2005, by its Resolution 59/290 as an important step forward towards eliminating international terrorism,

Taking note of the ongoing negotiations in the Ad Hoc Committee established by the General Assembly of the United Nations by its resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996 to elaborate a comprehensive international convention to combat terrorism on the draft proposal made by the Republic of India,

Expressing grave concern about the worldwide increase in acts of terrorism, which threaten the life and security of innocent people and impede the economic development of the concerned States,

Reaffirming that international efforts to eliminate terrorism must be strengthened and adhere to the rule of law,

Expressing hope for early conclusion of a comprehensive international convention to combat terrorism and expedite the elaboration of the definition on the crime of terrorism,

1. **Urges** the Member States to participate in the work of the above Ad Hoc Committee on Terrorism;

2. **Directs** the Secretariat to monitor and report on the progress in the Ad Hoc Committee of negotiations related to the drafting of a comprehensive international convention to combat terrorism;

3. **Appreciates** the initiative of Secretariat in preparing the Special Study on International Terrorism;

4. **Directs** the Secretariat to collect national legislation enacted by Member States to combat terrorism to facilitate exchange of information among Member States;

5. **Requests** the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of holding an Expert Group Meeting to reach a comprehensive definition on "Terrorism" acceptable to all Member States of AALCO, which could once adopted by all Member States be reported to UN; and

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

Deliberated
RES/45/S 9
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**ESTABLISHING CO-OPERATION
AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN
AND CHILDREN**

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

Having considered the Secretariat Documents No. AALCO/45/ HEAD-QUARTERS SESSION (NEW DELHI)/2006/SD/S 9 and Addendum 1,

Having heard with appreciation the statement of the Deputy Secretary-General,

Being Mindful of the increasing number of women and children from developing countries, who are being exploited by traffickers,

Convinced of the need to eliminate all forms of human trafficking and sexual violence, which are violations of the rights of women and children and are incompatible with the dignity and worth of the human person,

Being Conscious of the urgent need to adopt effective national, regional and international measures to protect women and children from this menace,

Being aware of the similar initiatives of Model Legislation undertaken by other initiatives like the Bali Process and the SAARC,

Taking note with appreciation of the on going work on the Model Legislation by the Secretariat,

1. **Urges** Member States to consider becoming parties to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children;

2. **Acknowledges and appreciates** that several Member States have transmitted to the AALCO Secretariat their national legislations and other relevant information related to the topic, and urges others to do so;

3. **Directs** the Secretariat to monitor and report on the developments in this regard, including the work undertaken by other fora;

4. **Requests** the Member States to send their comments on the preamble and the first set of draft articles of the Model Legislation;

5. **Also Requests** the Secretariat to follow and coordinate with similar initiatives in providing a Model Legislation;

6. **Welcomes** any other initiatives or voluntary contributions from Member States or other actors who might be interested in holding seminars/workshops pertaining to this subject; and

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

**Non-Deliberated
RES/45/S 10
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THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

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

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/45/HEAD-QUARTERS SESSION (NEW DELHI)/2006/SD/S 10,

Taking note with appreciation, of the comments included in the Report of the Secretary-General,

Taking note of the deliberations and decisions of the Fourth Session of Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court,

Also taking note of the progress in cases before the International Criminal Court,

Being aware of the importance of the universal acceptance of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court,

1. **Encourages** Member States to consider ratifying/acceding to the Rome Statute;

2. **Also encourages** Member States that have ratified the Rome Statute to consider becoming Parties to the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the ICC;

3. **Directs** the Secretariat to follow-up the deliberations in the Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression with a view to expediting the elaboration of the definition of the crime of aggression, and the conditions under which the ICC can exercise its jurisdiction with regard to this crime;

4. **Also Urges** Member States to actively participate in the work of the Fifth Session of the Assembly of the States Parties and in the on-going deliberations in the Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression;

5. **Also Directs** the Secretariat to follow-up the deliberations in the Fifth Session of the Assembly of the States Parties and its subsequent meetings, in the Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression, and follow-up the developments regarding cases taken up by the International Criminal Court, and present a report at its Forty-Sixth Session;

6. **Also Requests** the Secretary General to explore the feasibility of convening an inter-Sessional meeting, *inter alia*, for promotion of human rights in the backdrop of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court; the implementation of the Rome Statute through

national legislative mechanisms; and the ways and means through which the AALCO Member States can contribute to the process of elaboration of the definition of the crime of aggression, and the conditions under which the ICC can exercise its jurisdiction with regard to this crime; and

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

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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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

Taking note of the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/45/HEAD-QUARTERS SESSION (NEW DELHI)/2006/SD/S 11,

Taking note, with appreciation of the comments included in the Report of the Secretary-General,

Reaffirming that environmental protection constitutes an integral part of sustainable development,

Welcomes the adoption of the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development and the Plan of Implementation at the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held in Johannesburg from 26 August to 4 September 2002, and hopes that the Plan of Implementation adopted will be effectively implemented within the specified time frame,

Welcomes the World Summit 2005 Outcome adopted by the High-Level Plenary of the Sixtieth Session of the United Nations General Assembly,

Recalling the Nairobi Resolution on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development adopted on 1st July 2005 by the Forty-Fourth Session of AALCO,

Recalling the need to promote and materialize the principle of three "Rs", i.e., Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, at all levels and the importance of efficient use of scarce natural resources,

Recognising that the entry into force of Kyoto Protocol will facilitate effective implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,

Conscious of the importance of the conservation of biological diversity for evolution and for maintaining life-sustaining systems of the biosphere,

Affirming the importance of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification,

1. **Directs** the Secretariat to continue to follow-up the progress in the implementation of the outcome of the Johannesburg Summit as well as implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification;

2. **Requests** the Secretary-General to take necessary measures to follow-up the AALCO's Nairobi Resolution on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development; and

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

Deliberated
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**AN EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL
LEGAL INSTRUMENT AGAINST
CORRUPTION**

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

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/45/HEAD-QUARTERS SESSION (NEWDELHI)/2006/SD/S 12,

Recognizing the need to promote and strengthen measures to prevent and combat corruption effectively,

Welcoming the entry into force of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) on 14 December 2005,

Having heard with appreciation the introductory statement of the Secretary-General,

Having followed with great interest the deliberations on the item reflecting the views of Member States,

1. **Appreciates** the efforts of the Secretary-General in bringing out the special study on "Combating Corruption: A Legal Analysis" and for initiating the preparation of a follow-up special study on the 'National Implementation of the UNCAC';
2. **Encourages** Member States to ratify/accede to the UN Convention against Corruption;
3. **Urges** the Member States to submit their national legislations in combating corruption in order to establish a network between law enforcement agencies;
4. **Also Urges** Member States having ratified the Convention to actively implement the Convention at the national level;

5. **Requests** the Secretary-General in consultation with Member States subject to the availability of necessary resources, to organize a seminar to facilitate the drafting of a Model legislation to implement the UN Convention against Corruption;

6. **Directs** the Secretariat to monitor the developments and assist Member States in the implementation of the Convention and submit a report at its next Session;

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

Non-deliberated
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**REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE
UNCITRAL AND OTHER
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL
TRADE LAW**

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

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/45/ HEAD-QUARTERS SESSION (NEWDELHI)/2006/SD/S 13,

Taking note, with appreciation, of the comments included in the Report of the Secretary-General,

Being aware of the finalization and adoption of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts,

Also being aware of the conclusion of the Hague Conference on Private International Law Convention of 30 June 2005 on Choice of Court Agreements,

1. **Recommends** that Member States give due consideration to the Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts and the Convention on Choice of Court Agreements, in view of the desirability of uniformity;

2. **Expresses** its satisfaction for AALCO's continued cooperation with the various international organizations competent in the field of international trade law and hopes that this cooperation will be further enhanced in the future;

3. **Urges** Member States to consider adopting, ratifying or acceding to the instruments prepared by the UNCITRAL; and

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

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**WTO AS A FRAMEWORK
AGREEMENT AND CODE OF
CONDUCT FOR WORLD TRADE**

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

Having Considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/45/HEADQUARTERS SESSION (NEWDELHI)/2006/SD/S 14,

Recognizing the importance and complexities of issues involved in the Doha Development Agenda,

Appreciating the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration for organizing a Regional Conference on the theme "The WTO at 10: The Role of Developing Countries in

Negotiations and Dispute Settlement", with the cooperation of the World Trade Organization from 11-13 February 2006,

Having heard with appreciation the introductory statement of the Deputy Secretary-General,

Having followed with great interest the deliberations on the item reflecting the views of Member States,

Taking note of the successful completion of the Sixth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization in Hong Kong,

1. **Urges** Member States to implement the Ministerial Declaration adopted in Hong Kong and actively participate in the negotiations mandated under the Doha Development Agenda, emphasizing the special concerns of developing and least-developed Members;

2. **Requests** the Secretary-General in consultation with Member States, subject to the availability of necessary resources, to organize a seminar/workshop to facilitate the exchange of views by Member States on issues currently under negotiation within the WTO;

3. **Directs** the Secretariat to continue to monitor and report on the negotiations under the Doha Development Agenda, particularly the outcome of the review process concerning the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding; and

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

Deliberated
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**EXPRESSIONS OF FOLKLORE AND
ITS INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION**

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

Having Considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/45/ HEADQUARTERS SESSION (NEW DELHI)/2006/SD/S 15,

Having heard with appreciation the introductory statement of the Deputy Secretary-General,

Recognizing the importance of national and international protection of the 'expressions of folklore' for the Asian-African countries,

Welcoming the WIPO's Governing Council initiative in establishing an Intergovernmental Committee (IGC) to discuss the legal, policy and international framework for the protection of expressions of Folklore,

Also welcoming the renewal of the mandate of the IGC by WIPO's Governing Council in September 2005,

Also welcoming the entry into force of the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage on 20 April 2006,

1. **Expresses** the hope that the WIPO IGC would be able to adopt an international legal and policy framework for the protection of folklore;

2. **Requests** the Secretary-General to organize an expert meeting in cooperation with WIPO, to facilitate the exchange of views by Member States on the issues of international protection of expressions of

folklore including the Draft Agreement for the Protection of Expressions of Folklore prepared by the International Bureau of WIPO and inform the outcome to the Ninth Session of the IGC;

4. **Encourages** Member States to actively participate in the work of the Ninth Session of the WIPO IGC to be held from 24-28 April 2006 in Geneva;

5. **Directs** the Secretary-General to follow up the developments within the WIPO IGC on 'expressions of folklore', to present the views of the AALCO Member States during the Ninth Session of the IGC, and submit a report to the Forty-Sixth Session of AALCO; and

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

Deliberated
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HUMAN RIGHTS IN ISLAM

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

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/45/ HEAD-QUARTERS SESSION (NEW DELHI)/2006/SD/S 16,

Having heard, with appreciation, the introductory statement of the Secretary-General,

Having followed with great interest the deliberations on the item reflecting the views of Member States,

Recognizing the importance of this subject and the initiative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

1. **Recognizes** the importance of the role of human rights in Islam for promotion of democratic values, rule of law, tolerance and mutual understanding amongst the international community;
2. **Urges** Member States to forward to the Secretariat their views and observations, so as to facilitate the preparation of an in-depth study on this item;
3. **Welcomes** the initiative of the Government of Malaysia to host the Meeting of International Experts on Human Rights in Islam, in collaboration with the AALCO Secretariat and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 15-19 May 2006 in Kuala Lumpur;
4. **Believes** that the above meeting of international experts would serve as a platform to examine the Islamic principles of human rights with a view to enhancing international cooperation based on mutual respect, tolerance and understanding;
5. **Invites** the Member States to actively participate in the above-mentioned meeting; and
6. **Decides** to place the item on the provisional agenda of its Forty-Sixth Session.