

(ii) **Statement by the Delegate of Malaysia on behalf of the Asian States.**

Mr. President, your Excellencies and Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of all Delegates from Asia, I would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Government of India for their whole hearted support and timely intervention in hosting the 40th Session of the AALCO. We, the Delegates, are truly overwhelmed by the generosity and hospitality showered upon us through the period of our stay. We sincerely appreciate the patience shown and the fair hearings granted to each Delegate present which has assisted to bring this session to a successful conclusion.

Our sincere appreciation is also extended to the President, H.E. Dr. P.S.Rao and the Vice-President, H.E. Chief Bola Ige (SAN) for the skilful and competent manner they have steered the meetings throughout five days.

Mr. President, allow me also, on behalf of our delegation, to express deep gratitude to the fellow Delegates from Asia, also to the able and dynamic Secretary General of AALCO, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Wafik Z. Kamil and his equally competent Deputy Secretary Generals, Mr. Takagi, Mr. M.R. Dabiri and Dr. Ahmed Jassim Al-Gaa'tri and the Assistant Secretary General, Mr. Li Zhenhua for the excellent arrangements made for preparing the Secretariat briefs and the enlightening presentations.

Mr. President, as fellow Delegates would agree with me that not only we savour sumptuous food but also we were mentally stimulated and truly enriched by the unreserved sharing of knowledge and experience. Our special thanks is also accorded to the other members of the Secretariat team i.e. Mr. P.K.Jha, Director, Mrs. Neelam, Mrs. Bakshi, Mr.Luther, Mr. Vidjea Barathy and Mr. Jain for the fullest support and cooperation shown which facilitated the smooth and efficient running of each meeting of this 40th Session.

Last but not least, I on behalf of my fellow Delegates from Asia, wish to express our thanks to Mrs. Nelum Mayadunne of Sri Lanka, for agreeing to act as Rapporteur for the Special Meeting and to all the interpreters for excellent interpretation services throughout the session and other staff members of the AALCO Secretariat who in one way or the other have contributed to the success of this Session and making it a memorable one.