

CLOSING SESSION

President: Thank you very much. Let me once again thank all delegates for the deliberations which were very interesting and thought provoking. It's been very beautiful and I am so happy with the way we have finalized. Let me also congratulate both Republic of Korea and Indonesia for competing to host the 42nd session of our Organization. It goes without saying that Member States are very interested in the development of this Organization and for the next two years, we are guaranteed now that, we have two places to hold our session. I believe by next year we should have more and more countries to show interest. Before I ask for the concluding remarks let me also once again thank you all on behalf of the people of Nigeria, the Government of Nigeria, thank you all for your message to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria H. E. Chief Olusegun Obasanjo. The Secretary-General requested me to book an appointment with either Mr. President or Mr. Vice-President, so that a delegation could go and deliver this letter personally. Unfortunately, Mr. President is out of the country and the Vice- President is right now, or currently outside Abuja. We are expecting him back by tomorrow evening and by Sunday he should be leaving the country too. That is why I could not organize a delegation to go and physically convey this letter. We sincerely thank you and we will ask him to accommodate our weekly session, preparation, arrangement of this meeting and we pray Almighty Allah to deliver each and every one of you back to their respective destination safely and with this note I would like to call on the Representative of the Republic of Korea, who will give us the concluding Vote of thanks on behalf of all the delegations from the Asian countries who are present. Thereafter, we have a representative from Ghana who will speak on behalf of all African States. The Russian Federation delegation will give us Vote of thanks on behalf of all Observer States while Mrs. Bulska of WMO will do the same on behalf of International Organizations.

Statement of the Leader of the Delegation of Republic of Korea (H. E. Dr. Kak-So Shin) on behalf of the Asian Member States

Thank you Mr. President, distinguished Delegates, on behalf of all delegations from Asia, I would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for their preparations of this meeting, support and warm hospitality. The generosity and hospitality extended to all delegations during the period of the session was truly overwhelming and has assisted in bringing this session to a successful conclusion.

We would also like to extend our warm appreciation to President H. E. Senator Kanu G. Agabi, Minister of State for Justice and H. E. Alhaji Abdullahi, Minister of State for Justice of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Vice-President, H. E. Dr. Mahendra, Minister for Justice and Human Rights of Indonesia for skillfully steering the meetings during the five days of the session.

Allow me also to express our deep gratitude to the able Secretary-General of AALCO, H. E. Ambassador Dr. Kamil and Deputy Secretaries-General, Dr. Al-Gaa'tri, Dr. Deihim and Mrs. Shimizu and Assistant Secretary-General, Dr. Li. The Secretariat briefs they prepared and the enlightening presentations together with the lucid comments from fellow delegates were greatly stimulating and we return home, truly enriched with the shared knowledge and experience.

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Last but not least, on behalf of my fellow delegates from Asia, I would like to thank the representatives of various international organizations, especially for the Special Meeting, for their presentations, all interpreters for their excellent services throughout the session and other staff members of the AALCO Secretariat who have contributed in making this session a success.

Thank you.