

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

The Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization at its forty-first session,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on Organizational, Administrative and Financial Matters contained in Document No. AALCO/XLI/ABUJA/2002/ORG 1,

Taking note with appreciation of the implementation of the work programme of the Organization as approved at its fortieth session in New Delhi,

Also taking note of the initiatives taken by the Secretary-General towards enhancing and strengthening the activities of the Organization,

1. **Expresses its satisfaction** over the continued 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 2002 as set out in the Secretary-General's Report and urges Member States to extend their full support to the implementation of that programme; and
3. **Encourages** Member States to make voluntary contributions to support the organization of seminars/meetings or conducting a project on any specific topic under the approved work programme of the Organization.

AALCO'S BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2002

The Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization at its forty-first Session,

Taking note of the proposed budget for the year 2002 as contained in Document No.AALCO/XLI/ABUJA/2002/ORG 2,

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

Expressing concern about the increasing arrears of contributions by some Member States,

1. **Approves** the Budget for the year 2002, as proposed;
2. **Urges** Member States to pay their annual contributions for the year 2002 promptly;
3. **Also urges** those Member States who are in arrears to take earnest steps expeditiously to clear the same and to fulfil their financial obligations;
4. **Requests** 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. **Also requests** the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of this resolution at its forty-second session.

PROGRESS REPORT ON REGIONAL CENTRES FOR ARBITRATION

The Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization at its forty-first session,

Having taken note of the Progress Report on AALCO's Regional Centres for Arbitration contained in Document No. AALCO/ XLI/ABUJA/ 2002/ ORG 3,

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,

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 increasing use by the parties in respective regions of the AALCO's Regional Arbitration Centres as well as the promotional activities, undertaken by the Directors of the Centres particularly seminars and training programmes; and
3. **Decides** to place this item on the agenda of its forty-second session.

AALCO'S CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING

The Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization at its forty-first session,

Having considered the report of the Secretariat on the AALCO's Center for Research and Training, contained in Document No. AALCO/XLI/ABUJA/2002/ORG 4,

Recognizing the need and significance of exchange of information between the Organization, the Member States, the United Nations, its specialized agencies and other international organizations,

Bearing in mind the effective role of research and study in the objectives of the organization,

Appreciating the efforts of the Secretariat towards the establishment of a website and electronic mailing facilities, and holding of consultation with the Advisory Panel of Liaison Officers on technical matters,

1. **Requests** the Secretary-General to continue to update and improve the technical efficiency of the website for facilitating communication between the Secretariat, the Member States, the United Nations, its specialized agencies and other international organizations;
2. **Also requests the** Secretary-General to foster capacity-building of the Center to carry out further research projects on international law;
3. **Urges** Member States to furnish information and other relevant materials in order to enrich the Center for Research and Training;
4. **Urges** Member States to make voluntary contributions to allow the Center to undertake its envisaged activities; and
5. **Requests** the Secretary-General to report on the progress of the Center for Research and Training at its forty-second session.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS OF THE ASIAN - AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION

The Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization at its forty-first session,

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 Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization and the Government of India, on 26 April 2000,

1. **Expresses** its appreciation to the Government of India for its continued support to the AALCO and the steps taken to expedite the construction of the headquarters building and the residence of the Secretary-General; and
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the progress concerning the construction of the AALCO's headquarters building at its forty-second session.

REVIEW OF AALCO'S STATUTES AND STATUTORY RULES

The Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization at its forty-first session,

Having taken note of the proposal of the Republic of Ghana,

Recognizing the need to review and update AALCO's Statutes and Statutory Rules,

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

1. **Expresses** its appreciation to the Republic of Ghana for its initiative on this subject;
2. **Decides** to set in motion the process of a comprehensive review of the AALCO's Statutes and Statutory Rules;
3. **Mandates** the Secretary-General to prepare in consultation with the Liaison Officers, a draft review text for consideration by an inter-sessional meeting of Member States;
4. **Requests** the Secretary-General to convene an inter-sessional meeting of Member States to consider the draft review text and submit the revised text of the AALCO Statutes included in the report of the inter-sessional meeting to the forty-second session; and
5. **Decides** to place the item on the agenda of its forty-second session.