

**RESOLUTIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE
MATTERS**

**RES/47/S 1
4 JULY 2008**

**MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK
OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW
COMMISSION (*Deliberated*)**

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

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/47th/HEAD QUARTERS (NEW DELHI) SESSION/2008/S 1,

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 on the work of the International Law Commission (ILC),

Expressing its appreciation on the comprehensive statement made by the Representative of the International Law Commission on its work,

Affirming the significant contribution of the International Law Commission to the progressive development of international law and its codification,

Congratulating the International Law Commission for celebrating this year its Sixtieth Anniversary,

Commending the initiative of the Secretary-General in convening a joint AALCO – ILC meeting in conjunction with AALCO Legal Advisers' meeting held in New York on 5 November 2007, and the fruitful exchange of views on the items deliberated during that meeting,

1. **Urges** Member States to communicate their comments and observations regarding issues identified by the International Law Commission on various topics currently on its agenda;

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

3. **Further requests** the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the International Law Commission at its Sixtieth Session the views expressed on the items on its agenda during the Forty-Seventh Session of the AALCO; and

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

**RES/47/S 2
4 JULY 2008**

THE LAW OF THE SEA (*Deliberated*)

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

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/47th/ HEAD QUARTERS (NEW DELHI) SESSION /2008/S 2,

Having heard with appreciation the introductory remarks 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 the law of the sea issues, AALCO would maintain its consideration on the agenda item and continue to perform its historical role on the law of the sea matters,

Taking note 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 the UNCLOS, 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. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda of its Forty-Eighth Session.

RES/47/S 3
4 JULY 2008

**THE STATUS AND TREATMENT OF
REFUGEES (*Non-deliberated*)**

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

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/47th/HEAD

QUARTERS (New Delhi) Session/2008/ S
3,

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

Realizing the immense human suffering occasioned by the phenomenon of mass population movements resulting from conflict, natural and man-made disasters and war,

Deploring practices of forced displacement in particular ethnic cleansing and their negative consequences for the enjoyment of fundamental human rights by large groups of populations,

Noting with concern that the effects of political instability, internal strife, human rights violations and natural disasters such as drought, have led to increased number of refugees and displaced persons in some countries of Africa,

Recognizing the importance of finding durable solutions to refugee problems and recognizing also, that the search for durable solutions includes the need to address the root causes of movements of refugees and asylum seekers from their countries of origin,

Reaffirming the pivotal role of the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol thereto, in the protection of the rights of refugees, along with the regional instruments that compliment them, notably the 1969 OAU Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa and the 1984 Cartagena Declaration on refugees,

1. **Calls upon** States and other Parties to armed conflict to observe scrupulously the letter and the spirit of international humanitarian laws bearing in mind that armed conflicts are one of the

principal causes of forced displacement in Africa;

2. **Urges** the Member States who have not yet done so to consider ratifying/acceding to the 1951 Convention and the 1967 Protocol and other instruments existing in this area; and

3. **Decides** to place the item on the Provisional agenda of its Forty-Eighth Session.

**RES/47/S 4
4 JULY 2008**

**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
(Deliberated)**

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

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/47TH/HEAD QUARTERS (NEW DELHI) SESSION/2008/S 4,

Having heard with appreciation the introductory remarks 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 a just and lasting peace in the region,

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

Welcoming the international and regional initiatives for peace in the Middle East,

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 relevant United Nations resolutions 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), as well as the United Nations initiative of establishment of a Register of Damage

arising from the construction of the separation wall,

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 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 and reaffirmed in the 19th Summit Conference of the League of Arab States, Riyadh, 28-29 March 2007 as well as other peace initiatives, including the Road Map,

Affirming that a comprehensive, just and durable solution can only be achieved by ending the occupation in pursuance of the Charter of the United Nations, 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;

Taking note of convening of the Annapolis Conference on Palestine on 27 November 2007 and other international and regional events promoting peace in the Middle East,

1. **Urges** its Member States to take active part in the peace process/efforts exerted by the international community for the achievement of a just and comprehensive solution of the question of Palestine on the basis of relevant Security Council resolutions, including 242 (1967), 338 (1973), 425 (1978) and 1397(2002); and relevant General Assembly Resolutions, including 194 (1949) 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;

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. **Also 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. **Further 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 Resolutions, including 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. **Directs** the Secretariat to closely follow up the developments in occupied territories from the view point of relevant legal aspects; and

9. **Decides** to place the item on the provisional agenda of its Forty-Eighth Session.

RES/47/S 5
4 JULY 2008

**LEGAL PROTECTION OF MIGRANT
WORKERS**
(Non-deliberated)

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

Having considered Secretariat Document No. AALCO/47th/HEAD QUARTERS (NEW DELHI) SESSION/2008/S 5,

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

Recalling the directive given to the Secretariat at its Fortieth Session by its Resolution 40/SP.1 to consider the drafting of a Model Agreement for Co-operation among Member States on issues related to Migrant workers.

Appreciating the efforts of the Secretariat in the preparation of the Revised Draft Model Regional Co-operation Agreement between States of Origin and States of Destination/Employment within AALCO Member States in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM),

Considering the significance of the High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development organized by the UN General Assembly in September 2006,

Aware of the problems faced by sending, transitory and receiving States concerning Migrant Workers in particular and Migration in general,

Recognizing that trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants continue to pose a serious challenge to humanity and require a concerted international response,

Encouraging all Member States to devise, enforce and strengthen effective measures to prevent, combat, and eliminate all forms of trafficking in persons and to protect the victims of trafficking in particular women and children subjected to forced labour or sexual abuse or commercial exploitation and violence,

1. **Requests** the Member States to promote and protect effectively the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all migrant workers regardless of their immigration status especially those of women and children in conformity with the international legal instruments to which they are a party;

2. **Requests** further the Member States which have not yet done so to enact domestic legislation and to take further effective measures to combat and prosecute international trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants;

3. **Reaffirms** the right of Governments to enforce their migration laws consistent with their international legal obligations in general and international human rights law in particular; and

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

RES/47/S 6
4 JULY 2008

**EXTRATERRITORIAL APPLICATION
OF NATIONAL LEGISLATION:
SANCTIONS IMPOSED AGAINST
THIRD PARTIES (*Deliberated*)**

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

Having considered the Secretariat
Document No. AALCO/47th/HEAD
QUARTERS (NEW DELHI)
SESSION/2008/S 6,

Having heard with appreciation the
introductory statement of the Deputy
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, peaceful settlement
of disputes and right to development,

Also expressing its deepest concern
as regards the imposition against the AALCO
Member States with additional and new series
of sanctions against Myanmar, Islamic
Republic of Iran, Syrian Arab Republic and
the Republic of Sudan by the United States of
America,

Being aware that extraterritorial
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 Extraterritorial 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-Eighth
Session.

RES/47/S 7
4 JULY 2008

**INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM
(*Deliberated*)**

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

Having considered the Secretariat
Document No. AALCO/47th/
HEADQUARTERS (NEW DELHI)
SESSION/2008/S 7,

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

Appreciating the contribution of
the UNODC representative in the
deliberations of this item,

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 and
the Security Council 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,

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 Convention on International Terrorism based 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,

Recognizing the need for the international community to collectively combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations,

Reaffirming that international effort to eliminate terrorism must be strengthened taking into account international human rights law, international humanitarian law, and refugee law where appropriate,

Calling for an early conclusion and the adoption of a comprehensive convention on international terrorism by expediting the elaboration of the definition of terrorism,

1. **Urges** the Member States to consider ratifying/acceding to the existing international counter terrorism conventions;

2. **Also urges** the Member States to participate in the work of the above-mentioned Ad Hoc Committee on International Terrorism;

3. **Directs** the Secretariat to monitor and report on progress in the Ad Hoc Committee of negotiations related to the draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism;

4. **Also directs** the Secretariat to collect national legislations enacted by

Member States to combat terrorism to facilitate exchange of information among Member States;

5. **Requests** the Secretary-General to coordinate with concerned Organizations on the sharing of experiences and practices in countering terrorism also in addressing the causes conducive to the spread of terrorism;

6. **Also requests** the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of holding a workshop in co-operation with UNODC to deal with the legal aspects of Countering Terrorism;

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

RES/47/S 8
4 JULY 2008

**ESTABLISHING COOPERATION
AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN
WOMEN AND CHILDREN
(Non-Deliberated)**

The Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization at its Forty-Seventh session,

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/47th/HEAD QUARTERS (NEW DELHI) SESSION/2008/S 8,

Being mindful about the increasing number of women and children from Asian-African region being trafficked and exploited,

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

Recalling the overlapping nature of migration and trafficking issues,

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 the Model Legislation undertaken at other regional fora like the Bali Process and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC),

Acknowledging with appreciation that several Member States have submitted to the AALCO Secretariat their national legislations and other relevant information related to the topic, and urges others to do so;

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

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

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

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

RES/47/S 9
4 JULY 2008

THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS
(Deliberated)

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

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/47th/HEAD QUARTERS (NEWDELHI) SESSION/2008/S 9,

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 the Member States,

Taking note of the deliberations and decisions of the Sixth Session of the 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,

Welcoming the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization and the International Criminal Court on 5th February 2008,

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

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

of the ICC;

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

4. **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;

5. **Also Directs** the Secretariat to follow-up the deliberations in the Seventh Session of the Assembly of the States Parties and its subsequent meetings especially 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-Eighth Session;

6. **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-Eighth Session.

RES/47/S 10
4 JULY 2008

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (*Deliberated*)

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

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/47th/HEADQUARTERS (NEW DELHI) SESSION/2008/S 10,

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

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

Welcoming the adoption of the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development and the Plan of Implementation at the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held in Johannesburg 2002, and hopes that the Plan of Implementation adopted will be effectively implemented within the specified time frame,

Also welcoming the World Summit 2005 Outcome document 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 by the Forty-Fourth Session of AALCO in 2005,

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

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

Also recognising the importance of the on-going negotiations for an International Agreement on stronger international action on climate change for the period beyond 2012, as laid down by in the Bali Action Plan adopted by the United Nations Climate Change Conference, held at Bali, Republic of Indonesia from 3 to 15 December 2007;

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 the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification;

2. **Also directs** the Secretariat to follow the on-going negotiations for an International Agreement on stronger international action on climate change for the period beyond 2012, as laid down in the Bali Action Plan;

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

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

RES/47/S 11
4 JULY 2008

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

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

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/47th/HEAD QUARTERS (NEW DELHI) SESSION/2008/S 11,

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

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

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,

1. **Appreciates** the efforts of the Secretary-General in bringing out two special studies on "Combating Corruption: A Legal Analysis (2005)" and "Rights and Obligations under the United Nations Convention against Corruption (2006)";

2. **Encourages** the Member States to ratify/accede to the UN Convention against Corruption 2003;

3. **Urges** the Member States to submit their national legislations on combating corruption to the AALCO Secretariat and to establish a network among law enforcement agencies;

4. **Also Urges the** Member States having ratified/acceded to the

Convention to actively implement the Convention at the national level;

5. **Requests** the Secretary-General in consultation with the Member States, subject to the availability of necessary resources, to organize an inter-sessional meeting to facilitate the drafting of a model legislation to implement the UN Convention against Corruption bearing in mind existing model legislation prepared by the UNODC;

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-Eighth Session.

**RES/47/S 12
4 JULY 2008**

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

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

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/47th/ HEAD QUARTERS (NEW DELHI) SESSION/2008/S 12,

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

Being aware of the finalization by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law of the Legislative Guide on Secured Transactions,

1. **Recommends** that the Member States utilize the UNCITRAL

Legislative Guide on Secured Transactions to assess the economic efficiency of their secured transactions regimes and give favourable consideration to the Guide when revising or adopting legislation relevant to secured transactions;

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** the 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-Eighth Session.

**RES/47/S 13
4 JULY 2008**

**WTO AS A FRAMEWORK
AGREEMENT AND CODE OF
CONDUCT FOR WORLD TRADE (Non-
Deliberated)**

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

Having Considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/47th/ HEAQUARTERS (NEW DELHI) SESSION/2008/S 13,

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

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

Taking note, with appreciation, of the full resumption of the Doha Development Round of Negotiations in February 2007,

Hoping that the Doha Development Round of Negotiations would conclude successfully in 2008,

1. **Urges** the Member States for the successful completion of the negotiations mandated under the Doha Development Agenda, taking fully into consideration the special concerns of developing and least-developed country Members;

2. **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;

3. **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; and

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

RES/47/S 14
4 JULY 2008

**EXPRESSIONS OF FOLKLORE AND
ITS INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION**
(Non-Deliberated)

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

Having Considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/47th/HEAD QUARTERS (NEW DELHI) SESSION/2008/S 14,

Taking note, with appreciation, of the comments included in the Report of the 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 October 2007,

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

3. **Encourages** the Member States to actively participate in the work of the Thirteenth Session of the WIPO IGC;

4. **Directs** the Secretary-General to follow up the developments within the WIPO IGC on 'expressions of folklore', and to present the views of the AALCO Member States to the IGC; and

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

RES/47/S 15
4 JULY 2008

HUMAN RIGHTS IN ISLAM
(Non-Deliberated)

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

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/47th/HEADQUARTERS (NEW DELHI) SESSION /2008/S 15,

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

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

Convinced of the need to emphasize the human rights principles enshrined in Islam,

Commends the role of Islam in preserving and protecting human rights and promoting peace and peaceful co-existence,

Recognizing 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,

Appreciating the effort of the Government of Malaysia in successfully hosting the Meeting of International Experts on Human Rights in Islam, which was co-organised with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and in collaboration with the AALCO Secretariat from 15-19 May 2006 in Kuala Lumpur, which proved to be a platform to examine the Islamic principles of human rights with a view to enhancing international cooperation based on mutual respect, tolerance and understanding,

1. **Urges** the Member States to forward their views and observations on the item to the Secretariat, in order to facilitate further the preparation of an in-depth study; and

2. **Decides** to place the item on the provisional agenda of its Forty-Eighth Session.