

**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**  
*(Deliberated)*

*The Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization at its Fifty-First Annual Session,*

**Considering** the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/51/ABUJA/2012/SD/S 10;

**Noting 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 on the agenda item “Environment and Sustainable Development”;

**Deeply concerned** with the deteriorating state of the global environment through various human activities, and unforeseen natural disasters;

**Reaffirming** that environmental protection constitutes an integral part of sustainable development;

**Recalling** the Nairobi Resolution on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development adopted by the Forty-Fourth Session of AALCO in 2005;

**Underlying** that climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time;

**Emphasizing** that strong political will to combat climate change in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, especially the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities is essential;

**Recognizing** the importance of the on-going Bali Road-Map negotiations for stronger international cooperation on climate change for the period beyond 2012;

**Considering** the Durban Outcome adopted at the United Nations Climate Change Conference held at Durban, South Africa in December 2011 that established the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (“AWG-DPEA”) which would adopt, a new “protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force” by 2015;

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

**Affirming** the importance of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification:

1. **Urges** Member States to actively participate in the on-going Bali Road-Map negotiations.
2. **Directs** the Secretariat to follow the on-going Bali Road-Map negotiations and Durban Outcome processes for enhancing international regime under the Convention to combat climate change.
3. **Further directs** the Secretariat to continue to follow up the progress in the implementation of the outcome of the Johannesburg Summit as well as follow up the progress in the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Convention on Biological Diversity, and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, and
4. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda of the Fifty-Second Annual Session.