INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS (Deliberated)

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

Considering the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/51/ABUJA/2012/S 9;

Taking note of the deliberations and decisions of the Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, and noting the progress in cases before the International Criminal Court (ICC);

Also taking note of the deliberations and decisions of the Tenth Session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the ICC;

Being aware of the importance of the universal acceptance of the Rome Statute of the ICC and in particular, the principle of complementarity;

Taking note of the outcome of the Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court held at Kampala, Uganda;

Also Taking Note with appreciation the convening and outcome of the "Meeting of Legal Experts on the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court: Issues and Challenges" held on 19 and 20 July 2011, in Putrajaya, Malaysia,

- 1. **Encourages** Member States which are not yet party to consider ratifying/acceding to the Rome Statute and upon ratification/accession consider adopting necessary implementing legislation.
- 2. **Further encourages** Member States that have ratified the Rome Statute to consider becoming party to the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the ICC.
- 3. **Directs** the Secretariat to follow up the deliberations in the forthcoming Eleventh Session of the Assembly of States Parties and its meetings, and follow the developments regarding cases taken up by the ICC, and present a report at the Fifty-Second Annual Session.
- 4. **Requests** the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of convening a workshop in collaboration with the ICC, in a Member State of AALCO, for Prosecutors and Judges from AALCO Member States, aimed at capacity building and familiarizing them with the working of the ICC, and
- 5. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda of the Fifty-Second Annual Session.