

HALF-DAY SPECIAL MEETING ON “INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM”
(Deliberated)

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

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/51/ABUJA/2012/S 7;

Noting with appreciation the introductory remarks of the Deputy Secretary-General and the views expressed by the Chairperson and the Panelists and the statements of the Member States during the Special Meeting on “International Terrorism” jointly organized by the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and AALCO and held on 21st June 2012 at Abuja, Nigeria;

Recalling the relevant international instruments, where applicable, and 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;

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 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 and scientific activities 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 in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and taking into account international human rights law, international humanitarian law, and refugee law;

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

1. **Encourages** Member States to consider ratifying/acceding to the relevant conventions on terrorism.
2. **Also encourages** Member States to participate in the work of the above

mentioned Ad Hoc Committee on International Terrorism.

3. **Directs** the Secretariat to follow and report on the progress of work in the Ad Hoc Committee on International Terrorism.
4. **Also directs** the Secretariat to obtain national legislation or information on national legislation, as the case may be, on combating terrorism to facilitate exchange of information among Member States.
5. **Requests** the Secretary-General to hold seminars and joint programmes in cooperation with other international organizations, especially United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, on dealing with the legal aspects of combating terrorism,
- 5bis* Further requests the Secretariat to study the feasibility of an Asian-African legal instrument on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters and subsequently consider drafting an Asian-African Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters draft for Member States further consideration, and
6. **Decides** to place the item on the provisional agenda of its Fifty-Second Annual Session.