

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

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

**Considering** the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/51/ABUJA/2012/S 8;

**Being Mindful of** the increasing number of individuals being exploited through trafficking in persons especially women and children and smuggling of migrants, including from the Asian-African region;

**Convinced** of the need to eliminate all forms of trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants and bearing in mind the overlapping nature between trafficking in persons and smugglings of migrants, which are flagrant violations of human rights;

**Noting** the continuing efforts of Member States in combating trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants, and encouraging them to inform and update the AALCO Secretariat of pertinent developments in their respective States, in order to share experience amongst Member States;

**Also noting** the significance of gender equality as a necessary factor towards women empowerment and appreciating every effort taken by AALCO Member States to address this issue;

**Acknowledging** with appreciation that some Member States have submitted to the AALCO Secretariat their national legislations and other relevant information related to the topic,

1. **Encourages** the Member States which are not yet party to consider ratifying/acceding to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, adopted in 2000;
2. **Invites** Member States who have not yet done so to submit to the Secretariat their national legislations and other information related to the topic;
3. **Directs** the Secretariat to follow and report on the developments in this regard, including the work undertaken by other fora;
4. **Mandates** the Secretary-General to constitute an open-ended Committee of Experts to conduct study on ways and means on how to enhance mutual legal assistance in criminal matters among Member States for their further consideration;
5. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda of the Fifty-Second Annual Session.