

REPORT ON AALCO'S REGIONAL CENTRES FOR ARBITRATION

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

Considering the Report on AALCO's Regional Centres for Arbitration contained in Document No. AALCO/51/ABUJA/2012/ORG 3;

Noting with appreciation the introductory remarks of the Deputy Secretary-General and the report of the Directors of the Regional Arbitration Centres;

Reaffirming the commitment by the Governments of Member States towards enhancing the role of the Regional Arbitration Centres;

Recalling decision relating to the Integrated Scheme for the Settlement of Disputes in Economic and Commercial Transactions adopted at its Doha Session in 1978;

Expressing satisfaction over the increasing use of the facilities and the opportunities offered for both domestic and international arbitrations under the auspices of its Regional Arbitration Centres;

Appreciating the efforts and contributions of the Governments of the Malaysia, Arab Republic of Egypt, Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and Republic of Kenya for hosting the respective Regional Arbitration Centres;

Further appreciating the promotional activities undertaken by the Directors of the Centres, including organization of seminars and training programmes, to promote international commercial arbitration in the Asian and African regions;

Reiterating the earlier decision of the AALCO on the necessity for the Governments of Member States to promote and support the use of the Regional Arbitration Centres;

Further reiterating its proposal that after consultation with the Directors of the respective Regional Arbitration Centres, for the holding of International Arbitration Conference biennially, by rotation in each of the Centres, with the support of Member States:

1. **Requests** that, based on the above mentioned commitments for promoting and supporting the use of Regional Arbitration Centres, the Member States to urge their esteemed Governments and private sector to use the AALCO's Regional Arbitration Centres for their disputes and in particular to consider in their contracts, the inclusion of the Arbitration Clause of AALCO's Regional Arbitration Centres.

2. **Consider** the formation of a common system both administratively and financially between the Centres and common standard for the qualification of arbitrators.
3. **Directs** the Arbitration Centres to meet at every AALCO Annual Sessions to enable an exchange of ideas and to report the outcome to the Organization.
4. **Requests** the Secretary-General to take initiative to promote the Arbitration Centres among Member States and to work toward establishing another Arbitration Centre in the South Asian region.
5. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda of the Fifty-Second Annual Session.