

**AALCO'S BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2013**

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

**Having heard** with appreciation the introductory statement of the Secretary- General on the Proposed Budget for the Year 2013 as contained in Secretariat Document No. AALCO/51/ABUJA/2012/ORG 2;

**Taking note** of the comments of the Member States on the Proposed Budget;

**Noting further** the Proposed Budget for the year 2013 was placed before the 314<sup>th</sup> and Resumed 314<sup>th</sup> Meetings of the Liaison Officers held on 16 December 2011 and 24 January 2012 respectively, at the Headquarters, New Delhi; and adopted at the 315<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Liaison Officers held on 7 March 2012, and submitted to the Fifty-First Annual Session for final approval;

**Considering** that the Proposed Budget for the year 2013 is a realistic budget depending on the actual contributions received as urged by some Member States during the Forty-Ninth Annual Session of AALCO held in United Republic of Tanzania in 2010;

**Noting with** appreciation the part arrears paid by the Government of Iraq on the basis of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and requesting other Member States in large arrears to follow suit;

**Expressing** deep concern over the financial difficulties faced by AALCO and the need to take appropriate measures to overcome the financial crisis including the collection of arrears;

**Acknowledging** the immediate need to replenish the Reserve Fund of the Organization, with the objective of ensuring that it always has a six-month operational fund for the functioning of the Organization;

**Considering** all the above-mentioned reasons to place the Organization on a firm financial footing:

1. **Approves** the Budget for the year 2013 as proposed.
2. **Requests** Member States who have not paid their annual contribution for the year 2012, to do so at the earliest in order to ensure the effective functioning of the Organization.

3. **Encourages** Member States to make voluntary financial contribution in order to improve the financial situation of AALCO and to ensure that it has always a six-month operational fund.
4. **Strongly urges** Member States who are in arrears to fulfill their financial obligation and to expeditiously clear the same in accordance with the Statutes and Statutory Rules of AALCO.
5. **Mandates** the Secretary-General to explore ways and means of raising funds by additional sources in accordance with the Statutes and Statutory Rules of AALCO, and
6. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda of the Fifty-Second Annual Session.