REPORT ON THE CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING OF THE AALCO The Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization at its Fifty-first Session,

Having considered the Secretariat Report on the Centre for Research and Training (CRT) of the AALCO, contained in Document No. AALCO/51/ABUJA / 2012/ ORG 4,

Having heard with appreciation the introductory remarks of the Deputy Secretary-General.

Recognizing the need and importance of the exchange of information among AALCO, its Member States, the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies, and other International Organizations for improved capacity-building and enhancement of legal expertise in areas of international law,

Bearing in mind the effective role of research and training in promoting the objectives of the Organization,

Also bearing in mind a more proactive role the CRT could play in furthering the mandate of the Organization in making the best use of the Headquarters which is equipped with modern technology and infrastructure facilities,

Appreciating the efforts of the Secretariat in preparing special studies on matters of common concern and its plan to hold training programmes in cooperation with International Organizations and to ensure financial support to these programmes,

- 1. **Requests** the Secretariat to maintain, update and improve the technical efficiency of the website for facilitating dissemination of information to the Member States, the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies, and other International Organizations;
- 2. **Also requests** the Secretary-General to foster capacity-building of the Centre to carry out further research projects on international law and to organize training programmes for the benefit of the officials of Member States handling international law issues;
- 3. **Urges** Member States to furnish information and other relevant materials, including the name and address of the focal point with e-mail and the website of the Ministry concerned and officials in charge of AALCO, in order to enhance the activities of the Centre for Research and Training (CRT);
- 4. **Also Urges** Member States to make voluntary contributions to the "Research and Training Fund" established vide RES/45/ORG 4 to promote and strengthen Research and Training under the CRT, and to provide a sustainable financial base to the Centre to undertake its mandated activities:

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- 5. **Directs** the Secretariat to take necessary measures to spread the awareness about the Centre so that the services available in the Centre would be made use of by the public and private sectors in the Member States;
- 6. **Also directs** the Secretariat to work towards the realization of its proposal for the training of officials of AALCO Member States;
- 7. **Requests** the Member States to provide the Secretariat with specific topics for conducting in-depth research studies; and
- 8. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda of its Fifty-Second Session.