



**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE WORK OF THE
ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION**

Prepared by

**The AALCO Secretariat
29 C, Rizal Marg,
Diplomatic Enclave, Chanakyapuri,
New Delhi – 110 021
(INDIA)**

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE WORK OF THE
ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION**

CONTENTS

	PAGES
I. INTRODUCTION	1-2
II. CONSIDERATION OF WORK PROGRAMME OF AALCO AT THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF AALCO	2-3
III. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN SINCE THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF AALCO	4-13
A. Secretary-General's visit to the African Union (24 June 2012)	
B. Address at the Sixty-Fourth Session of the International Law Commission (26 July 2012)	
C. AALCO meeting and AALCO-ILC meeting in New York (5 November 2012)	
D. AALCO's participation at the Hague Conference on Private International Law (12-16 November 2012)	
E. Address at the 11 th Session of the Assembly of States Parties to International Criminal Court (15 November 2012)	
F. Special Address by Secretary-General at the O. P. Jindal Global University Model United Nations (22 November 2012)	
G. Seminar on "Climate Change: Post Kyoto International Climate Policy" (16 January 2013)	
H. Legal Experts Meeting to Commemorate the 30 th Anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) (5 March 2013)	
I. Presentation by the Secretary-General at the international symposium on "Building ASEAN Identity on a Transnational Dimension", held at UNU headquarters, Tokyo (7 to 8 March 2013)	
J. Presentation by Secretary-General on "ICC: Some Reflections", made at The New Delhi Dialogue on "Role of Courts and Tribunals In the Changing Global Order" held at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (15 March 2013)	
K. Signing of the Host Country Agreement with the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (26 March 2013)	
L. Public Lecture by the Secretary-General at South Asian University (2 May 2013)	
M. Guest Lecture on "International Criminal Law" delivered by Mr. Feng Qinghu, Deputy Secretary-General on behalf of the Secretary-General at the Foreign Service Institute (FSI), Ministry of External	

- Affairs, New Delhi (9 May 2013)
- N. Secretary-General's visit to the ECO Secretariat, Tehran (13 May 2013)
 - O. Address at the Sixty-Fourth Session of the International Law Commission (9 July 2013)
 - P. Presentation by Secretary-General at the Symposium on "Unilateral Sanctions and International Law" jointly organised by Hague Centre for Law and Arbitration and Doshisha University Graduate School of Global Studies, Japan
 - Q. The Secretariat
 - R. Report on the Permanent Observer Missions of AALCO at the United Nations Offices
 - S. Report on the Functioning of the Centre for Research and Training
 - T. AALCO's Draft Budget for the year 2014
 - U. Membership

**IV. STEPS TAKEN TO REVITALIZE AND STRENGTHEN THE ASIAN-
AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION** 13-17

- 1. Strengthening the Human Resources in the AALCO Secretariat
- 2. Measures to Improve the Financial Situation of AALCO
- 3. Requests received from Embassies of State of Palestine, Republic of Yemen and Lebanon regarding their arrears

V. FUTURE PLAN OF ACTION 17-22

- 1. Organizational and Substantive Projects for AALCO and its Financial Implications commencing 2014-2016
- 2. Establishing Collaboration with Educational Institutions/Universities
- 3. Expanding Internship Projects in AALCO
- 4. Convening of Young Jurists Conference
- 5. Improving the website of AALCO
- 6. Preparation of Studies on Selected Items on the Agenda of the Sixty-eighth Session of the United Nations General Assembly
- 7. Participation in International Meetings
- 8. Capacity Building Programmes
- 9. Strengthening the Library
- 10. Publications

VI.	STRENGTHENING THE COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS, ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	22-24
	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization Strengthening the Cooperation with Specialized Agencies and other International Organizations	
VII.	CONCLUDING REMARKS	24-24
	ANNEX I: Comparative Table of Current and Proposed Scale of Assessed Contributions	25-26
	ANNEX II: Communication from the State of Palestine	27-27
	ANNEX III: Communication from the Republic of Yemen	28-28
	ANNEX IV: Communication from Lebanon	29-29
	ANNEX V : Projects Proposed to be Implemented from 2014 to 2016	30-37
	ANNEX VI: Draft Resolution on the agenda item “Report of the Secretary-General on the Work of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization” for consideration of the Fifty-Second Annual Session of AALCO.	38-39

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE WORK OF THE ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION

I. INTRODUCTION

1. In accordance with Rule 20 (7) of the Statutory Rules of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO), it is an honour and privilege for Prof. Dr. Rahmat Mohamad, the Secretary-General to present a Report to the Member States on the administrative, organizational and substantive matters since the conclusion of the AALCO's Fifty-First Annual Session held at Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 18 to 22 June 2012. This Report covers activities until 15 July 2013. An update for the remaining period shall be presented at the forthcoming Headquarters Session.

2. To begin with, the Secretary-General expresses his sincere gratitude to the current President of AALCO, His Excellency Mr. Mohammed Bello Adoke, SAN, Attorney-General and the Minister for Justice of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for his guidance and support to the AALCO Secretariat in all its activities. The Secretary-General expresses profound thanks to His Excellency Mr. U Thiha Han, Vice-President of the Fifty-First Annual Session of AALCO and Director, International Law and Treaties Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Union of Myanmar, for discharging the duties as Vice-President of the Fifty-First Annual Session of AALCO.

3. The Secretary-General also seizes this opportunity to express his gratitude to all Member Governments, for re-appointing him as the Secretary-General of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization, for the second and final term of four years (2012-2016) at the Fifty-First Session in Abuja, and assures them that he would continue to fulfil his duties, to the best of his abilities and for further strengthening the Organization. The Secretary-General is also grateful to the Ambassadors/High Commissioners and the Liaison Officers, for their valuable inputs in dealing with the substantive and organizational matters and for the kind support rendered to him, which has helped him in discharging his duties and functions in a smooth and effective manner. A special thanks is also due to all the Member States for paying their annual contributions and to those Member States who have started partial payment of their arrears. A robust financial situation would facilitate the Secretariat in fulfilling the mandate entrusted to it by the Member States.

4. The year 2012 was significant in the ongoing journey of AALCO. Last year the Organization witnessed yet another successful Annual Session, the Fifty-First Session, held in Abuja, where some progressive new initiatives like the half-day special meetings on the selected items on the agenda of the International Law Commission (ILC) was convened as per the mandate received from the Member States, according to which every year more time should be allocated to meaningfully deliberate on some of the important issues before the ILC. In addition, the outcome of the Eminent Persons Group meetings held in 2011 and 2012 were also placed for consideration of the Member States, which *inter alia* paved the ground rules and measures that the Organization would take for building upon its present acclaimed edifice, in the field of

rendering valuable advisory services to its Member States, in the field of international law, on some of the most important and pressing common concerns.

5. The Fifty-Second Annual Session is an important occasion to reflect upon the past achievements, for example the steering role that the Organization played during the negotiations on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and also the present day challenges in international law. It would also provide an opportunity to carve out the path for the next phase of development for the Organization.

6. It may be recalled that at the Fifty-First Annual Session no decision was taken regarding the venue of the Fifty-Second Annual Session. Considering the fact that the last Annual Session was held in Africa, according to the AALCO Statutory Rules, the next Annual Session should have been hosted by an Asian Member State. However, despite many communications from the Secretariat, there was no response from the Asian States regarding hosting the Session. Thereafter, as no Member State was willing to host the Annual Session, the Secretary-General as per Statutory Rule 10 (2) decided that the AALCO Secretariat would host the Fifty-Second Annual Session at the Headquarters of the Organization, i.e. in New Delhi. This would be the fourth Headquarters Session, the earlier ones were held in 2001, 2006 and 2008. However, it is pertinent to mention that no two consecutive Sessions can be hosted at the Headquarters. In this connection it is important to note that hosting an Annual Session at the headquarters is a very expensive affair in view of the financial situation of the Organization. Therefore, the Member States are requested to shoulder this responsibility and keep this option as a last resort.

7. The present Report is divided into seven sections, apart from a brief Introduction and Concluding Remarks, it contains: Steps taken to Revitalize and Strengthen the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization; Consideration of Work Programme of AALCO at the Fifty-Second Annual Session of AALCO; Activities undertaken since the Fifty-First Annual Session of AALCO; Future Plan of Action; and Strengthening the Cooperation with the United Nations, its Specialized Agencies and other International Organizations.

II. CONSIDERATION OF WORK PROGRAMME OF AALCO AT THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF AALCO

8. The Work Programme of AALCO, comprises (i) follow-up of the work of the International Law Commission; (ii) topics that have been placed on the agenda on reference by a Member State; and (iii) topics placed on the *suo-moto* initiative of the Secretary-General. Currently, there are 15 items on the work programme of AALCO namely:

- Report on Matters Relating to the Work of the International Law Commission
- Law of the Sea
- The Status and Treatment of Refugees
- Deportation of Palestinians and Other Israeli Practices among them the Massive Immigration and Settlement of Jews in All Occupied Territories in Violation of International Law particularly the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949

- Legal Protection of Migrant Workers
- Extraterritorial Application of National Legislation: Sanctions Imposed Against Third Parties
- International Terrorism
- Establishing Cooperation against Trafficking in Women and Children
- The International Criminal Court: Recent Developments
- Environment and Sustainable Development
- Challenges in Combating Corruption: The Role of United Nations Convention against Corruption
- Report on the Work of UNCITRAL and Other International Organizations in the Field of International Trade Law
- WTO as a Framework Agreement and Code of Conduct for World Trade
- Expressions of Folklore and its International Protection
- Managing Global Financial Crisis: Sharing of Experiences

9. It may be recalled that since the Forty-Second (Seoul, 2003) Annual Session, the Organization, has adopted a policy of rationalization of agenda items, and out of these 16 items, certain number of items, depending upon the current relevance of the topic are placed on the agenda of the Annual Session. In furtherance of this policy, for the Fifty-Second Annual Session following agenda items are placed in the category of deliberated items:

- The Law of the Sea;
- Pursuant to the mandate received from the Fifty-Fist Annual Session on the agenda item “Deportation of Palestinians and Other Israeli Practices among them the Massive Immigration and Settlement of Jews in All Occupied Territories in Violation of International Law particularly the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949” the Secretariat has prepared a study on “The Statehood of Palestine under International Law”, discussions on this would take place during the forthcoming session;
- Environment and Sustainable Development; and
- Challenges in Combating Corruption: Role of the UN Convention against Corruption

10. In addition, two half-day special meetings on agenda items pertaining to: “Selected Items on the Agenda of the International law Commission”; and “Extraterritorial Application of National Legislation: Sanctions Imposed against Third Parties” are also being convened in conjunction with the Fifty-Second Annual Session.

11. Concerning the non-deliberated agenda items the Secretariat has prepared an update of all these items. On the suggestion of some Member States, the Secretariat Reports on non-deliberated items is brought out in a single compilation. The Member States are requested, to provide to the Secretariat, their written comments if any on these agenda items.

III. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN SINCE THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF AALCO

A. Secretary-General's visit to the African Union (24 June 2012)

12. The Secretary-General along with the Deputy Secretaries-General Dr. Xu Jie, Dr. Hassan Soleimani and Dr Yasukata Fukahori visited the Secretariat of the African Union at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 24 June 2012. They had in-depth discussion with Mr. Ben M. Kioko, Legal Counsel/Director with the Office of the Legal Counsel, African Union Commission. The meeting discussed the possible future cooperation between the African Union and the AALCO considering the importance and the need to enhance the participation of African States in AALCO's activities.

B. Address at the Sixty-Fourth Session of the International Law Commission (26 July 2012)

13. During the Sixty-Fourth session of the International Law Commission (ILC) held from 7 May to 1 June and 2 July to 3 August 2012, Prof. Dr. Rahmat Mohamad, the Secretary-General of AALCO made a presentation at the ILC at the United Nations Offices in Geneva on 26 July 2012. The Verbatim record of the Special half-day Meeting and the deliberations on "Selected Items on the Agenda of the International Law Commission" held on 20 June 2012 during the Fifty-First Annual Session of AALCO which was held in Abuja, Nigeria from 18 to 22 June 2012, was also circulated for discussion. The Secretary-General gave an overview of the issues raised by the Lead panelist Dr. A. Rohan Perera from Sri Lanka, and discussant Prof. Djamchid Momtaz from Islamic Republic of Iran on the two important topics (i) Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters and (ii) Immunity of State Officials from Foreign Criminal Jurisdiction. After the Secretary-General's address at the ILC, an in-depth deliberation and question and answer session was initiated.

C. AALCO Meeting and AALCO-ILC Meeting in New York (5 November 2012)

14. AALCO Meeting and the AALCO-ILC Meeting was convened on 5 November 2012 in New York on the sidelines of the Sixty-Seventh Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). It is an annual event where the Legal Advisers of the AALCO Member States and non-Member States deliberate on some of the important issues of international law. On behalf of the Secretary-General, Dr. Roy S. Lee, Permanent Observer of AALCO to the United Nations, New York had convened the Meeting. The Meeting dealt with "Achievements of the UNCLOS on its 30th Anniversary", "Current Issues facing the ICC Prosecution", "Some Thoughts on the Prevention of Genocide", "The Contribution of the ICJ to the Law of the Sea" and the "Work of the International Criminal Court".

D. AALCO'S Participation at the Hague Conference on Private International Law (12-16 November 2012)

15. Upon invitation from The Hague Conference, the Secretary-General and Dr. Soleimani, the Deputy Secretary-General of AALCO, participated in the Special Commission meeting on the Choice of Law in International Contracts which was held in the Hague from 12 to 16

November 2012. The Meeting was very successful. They had extensive discussion with the participants and discussed how they could have more interaction with the Hague Conference on Private International Law. The Secretary-General of the Hague Conference was very pleased to meet them, and the Secretary-General and DSG had discussions with him on how they could further meaningfully interact with them on topics that concerned the Member States of AALCO.

E. Address at the 11th Session of the Assembly of States Parties to International Criminal Court (15 November 2012)

16. Prof. Dr. Rahmat Mohamad, Secretary-General of the AALCO made a statement at the Plenary Session of the 11th Session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court on 15 November 2012 at The Hague. The SG congratulated the ICC on its tenth anniversary and for working towards dispensing justice. The SG mentioned in his statement that after successful completion of ten years, ICC has established its role as an international court that works towards ending impunity. Further, the SG appreciated the decision of the Trial Chamber I of the ICC for delivering its first verdict against Thomas Lubanga Dyilo. The Plenary Meeting was also attended by Dr. Hassan Soleimani, Deputy Secretary-General of AALCO.

F. Special Address by Secretary-General at the O. P. Jindal Global University Model United Nations (22 November 2012)

17. Prof. Dr. Rahmat Mohamad, Secretary-General of the AALCO delivered a Special address at the opening ceremony of the first O P Jindal Global University Model United Nations (JGUMUN), held on 22 November 2012 at the University campus in Sonipat, New Delhi. The SG addressed a gathering of students and young law students participating from across the country at the JGUMUN. He explained the importance of United Nations system in the maintenance of international peace and security, the significant role of the organs of the UN, close relationship with AALCO besides inspiring the students for their interest to participate and learn more about the UN.

G. Seminar on “Climate Change: Post Kyoto International Climate Policy” (16 January 2013)

18. A Seminar on “Climate Change: Post-Kyoto International Climate Policy” was held on 16th January 2013 at AALCO Headquarters, New Delhi. The Chief Guest for the seminar was Prof. Chia-Jui-Cheng, Secretary-General, Xiamen Academy of International Law & Professor, School of Law, Soochow University, Taipei, China who enlightened the gathering on “International Trade Implications and Climate Change”. The seminar was inaugurated by Prof. Bharat H. Desai, Professor of International Environmental Law, Centre for International Legal Studies, JNU. There were two important sessions namely; (i) Science and Economics of Climate Change, and (ii) Legal and Policy Response of Climate Change. The first session was chaired by Mr. Narinder Singh, Secretary-General of Indian Society of International law and comprised of three presentations by Dr. Yasukata Fukahori, Deputy Secretary-General of AALCO; Dr. Archana Negi, Assistant Professor, JNU; and Dr. Anwar Sadat, Assistant Professor, ISIL.

19. The Second session was chaired by Mr. Feng Quinghu, Deputy Secretary-General of AALCO and the three presentations were focused on legal and policy response to climate Change post Kyoto Protocol. The presentations were made by Ms. Shannu Narayan, Legal Officer of AALCO; Mr. Shiju M.V. Lecturer at the TERI University; and Dr. Luther Rangreji, Assistant Professor at the South Asian University. The programme received good response with representatives of 14 Member States of AALCO, academic and student community's participation and interaction. A special edition of the AALCO Journal on International Law containing articles presented by the speakers would be published by the Secretariat once all the articles were received. Further, the Verbatim Record of the Seminar would be released and circulated during this Annual Session.

H. Legal Experts Meeting to Commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) (5 March 2013)

20. To commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), a Legal Experts Meeting was jointly organized by the Legal and Treaties Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and the AALCO on Tuesday, 5th March 2013 at AALCO Headquarters, New Delhi. The Chief Guest for the meeting was Mr. Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty, Secretary (ER) Ministry of External Affairs. In his address Mr. Chakravarty narrated the rationale of celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the UNCLOS, which he described as the Times a seminal law making event of the United Nations that codified and provided a universal legal framework for all human activities relating to the oceans. UNCLOS governs all aspects of ocean governance, including entitlements of coastal states in different maritime zones, rights of navigation, maritime security, marine scientific research, marine environment, delimitation of maritime boundaries and settlement of international disputes. With 164 States Parties the Convention is reaching near universality, a testament to the significance of the Convention as an important contribution to the maintenance of peace, justice and progress for the humankind who inhabit this planet. He also outlined the current challenges confronting the UNCLOS.

21. The keynote address was delivered by Mr. B. Sen, the founding and former Secretary-General of AALCO who enlightened the participants about the key role played by AALCC in framing the third UNCLOS and the concepts of EEZ and Archipelagic states which were introduced in UNCLOS were in fact inputs from the AALCO. Further, the inaugural address given by Mr. Stephen Mathias, the Assistant Secretary-General of the Legal Affairs, United Nations came to the AALCO HQ outlined the contributions made by UNCLOS and the challenges that lay ahead.

22. The Meeting was divided into four sessions namely: (i) Dispute Settlement under UNCLOS ; (ii) Preservation and Protection of Marine Environment; Current Challenges; (iii) Issues relating to Piracy and Maritime Security; and (iv) UNCLOS and AALCO . Enlightening and informative presentations were made by the galaxy of experts invited for the meeting. In the first session Amb. Gudmundur Erickkson gave his views on the Dispute Settlement under

UNCLOS; In the second session Dr. Moritaka Hayashi from Japan presented a paper on Sharing of Natural Resources: The Case of Biodiversity in Areas beyond National Jurisdiction; Dr Luther Rangreji, South Asian University: presented his views on Issues for Developing Countries under the Nagoya Protocol on ABS. In the third session Ms. Ticy Thomas National University Singapore gave a power point presentation on The Legal Regime of Maritime Piracy: Problems and Progresses; Dato Zulkifli Adnan, Director General Department of Maritime, MFA, Malaysia made a presentation on Implementation of Relevant Provisions on Maritime Security; Dr. Sunil Aggarwal made a power point presentation on : Legality of the carriage of weapons onboard ships and Mr. Rajiv Walia, Regional Programme Coordinator Regional Office for South Asia, UNODC made a power point presentation on UNODC's counter-piracy Programme.

23. In the fourth session a very interesting presentation was made by Prof Yogesh Tyagi, the Dean of Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian Studies on UNCLOS and AALCO. While highlighting the positives of the contributions of AALCO in that, he also highlighted the current challenges confronting the Member States of AALCO as a Party to UNCLOS. This Legal Experts Meeting received a good response and representatives from 19 Member States of AALCO, academic and student community's participation and interaction. In all there were about 85 participants who attended the meeting. The Verbatim Record of the meeting is prepared and it would be circulated to the Member States during this Annual Session.

I. Presentation by the Secretary-General at the International Symposium on ASEAN Identity (UNU Headquarters, Tokyo, 7 To 8 March 2013)

24. The United Nations University (UNU) organized an international symposium on "Building ASEAN Identity on a Transnational Dimension", which was held at UNU Headquarters, Tokyo from 7 to 8 March 2013. The symposium was organized by the United Nations University Institute for Sustainability and Peace (UNU-ISP) and supported by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. The Symposium Building ASEAN Identity on a Transnational Dimension addressed the need for such in-depth discussion on ASEAN identity, as one of the foundations for East Asia Community. The Secretary-General of AALCO Prof. Dr. Rahmat Mohamad was invited as one of the distinguished speakers on the topic "Building ASEAN Identity on a Transnational Dimension".

J. Presentation by Secretary-General on ICC (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 15 March 2013)

25. The Secretary-General of AALCO Prof. Dr. Rahmat Mohamad was invited to make a presentation on "International Criminal Court: Some Reflections" at the New Delhi Dialogue at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The topic was "Role of Courts and Tribunals in the Changing Global Order" and it was held on 15th March 2013.

K. Signing of the Host Country Agreement with the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre For Arbitration (26 March 2013)

26. An agreement with the Government of Malaysia regarding the renewal of the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA) was signed on 26th March 2013. The agreement had to be renewed as it had expired on 31 December 2012. On 26th March 2013 a ceremony was organized at the KLRCA Headquarters, where the agreement was signed by Hon Minister YBhg. Dato Seri Mohamad Nazri Abdul Aziz, Minister in Prime Ministers Department, on behalf of the Malaysian Government and the Secretary-General. Dr. Hassan Soleimani and Dr. Yasukata Fukahori, Deputy Secretaries-General of AALCO had accompanied the Secretary-General to Kuala Lumpur for the ceremony.

L. Public Lecture by the Secretary-General at the South Asian University (2 May 2013)

27. The South Asian University (SAU) had invited the Secretary-General of AALCO to deliver a public lecture on 2 May 2013 for a distinguished gathering of Vice-Chancellor of SAU, Dean, faculty members of the Faculty of Legal Studies, SAU; and students and scholars from the University. It was held at SAU, Chanakyapuri. The topic was on the “Transformation of ASEAN from a Non-Rule based to Rule-Based Charter and its Implications”. The lecture was attended by Dr. Hassan Soleimani, Dr. Yasukata Fukahori and Mr. Feng Qinghu, Deputy Secretaries-General of AALCO; and the legal staff.

M. Guest Lecture by Deputy Secretary-General at the Foreign Service Institute (FSI), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi (9 May 2013)

28. Upon invitation by the Foreign Service Institute (FSI), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, Mr. Feng Qinghu, Deputy Secretary-General of AALCO delivered a lecture on behalf of the Secretary-General on the topic on “International Criminal Law” on 9 May 2013 at the FSI.

N. Secretary-General’s Visit to the ECO Secretariat, Tehran (13 May 2013)

29. Professor Dr. Rahmat Mohamad, Secretary-General of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO), visited the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Secretariat, Tehran on May 13, 2013. He was welcomed by H.E. Dr. Shamil Aleskerov, the Secretary-General of the ECO. He briefed the AALCO Secretary-General about the activities of ECO, its objectives and current programmes in various fields of activities. He was also briefed about the different areas in which ECO was promoting cooperation among the member states, which included transport and communications, trade and investment, agriculture and industrial development, energy and minerals, human resource development, economic research and anti-narcotics and trafficking, etc.

30. The Secretary-General of AALCO apprised the ECO Secretary-General about the role of AALCO as an advisory body to its Member States in the field of international law and as

a forum for Asian-African co-operation in legal matters of common concern. He also informed that AALCO is the only organization comprising countries from Asia and Africa which deliberates on issues related to international law and makes recommendations to governments of its Member States. The founding members of ECO - Iran, Pakistan and Turkey, are also members of AALCO. The Secretary General of AALCO also expressed the desire to seek ECO's help in extending its membership to Afghanistan, Azerbaijan and the Central Asian countries, which constitute the remaining membership of ECO.

31. The heads of the two organizations agreed that AALCO and ECO could organize a joint seminar or workshop on trade related arbitration. The Secretary-General of AALCO also highlighted that his Organization was in a good position to help the ECO Member States in building their capacity in legal issues pertaining to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Both sides noted that services of AALCO Regional Arbitration Centre in Tehran could also be used to develop cooperation between the two organizations.

O. Address at the Sixty-Fifth Session of the International Law Commission (9 July 2013)

32. The Sixty-fifth session of the International Law Commission was held in two sessions; 6 May to 7 June 2013 and 8 July to 9 August 2013 at UN European Headquarters, Geneva. The session was opened by Mr. Lucius Caflisch, Chairman of the sixty-fifth session of the Commission. The Secretary-General of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO), Prof. Dr. Rahmat Mohamad, addressed the Commission on 9 July 2013. He briefed the Commission on the following agenda items of the sixty-fifth session of the ILC: (i) immunity of state officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction; (ii) protection of persons in the event of disasters; and (iii) formation and evidence of customary international law. An exchange of views followed. The Secretary-General was accompanied by Mr. Feng Qinghu, Deputy Secretary-General of AALCO.

P. Presentation by Secretary-General at the Symposium on “Unilateral Sanctions and International Law” (The Hague, 11 July 2013)

33. A Symposium on “Unilateral Sanctions and International Law” was jointly organised by Hague Centre for Law and Arbitration and Doshisha University Graduate School of Global Studies, Japan on 11 July 2013 at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague. The Secretary-General made a presentation on “Unilateral Sanctions in International Law”. The other distinguished speakers for the session were Honorable Abdul G. Koroma, former Judge of the International Court of Justice; Prof. Hisae Nakanishi, Graduate School of Global Studies, Doshisha University; Prof. Dr. Paul de Waart, Professor Emeritus of International Law, VU University, Amsterdam; Ms. Maya Lester, Barrister with Brick Court Chambers; and Mr. Nema Milaninia, Associate Legal Officer, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY).

Q. The Secretariat

34. Apart from the Secretary-General (Malaysia), three Member Governments, namely, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan and People's Republic of China, have offered assistance to AALCO by deputing their senior officials to the Secretariat on secondment. Deputy Secretaries-General, Dr. Hassan Soleimani (Islamic Republic of Iran), Dr. Yashukata Fukahori (Japan) and Mr. Feng Qinghu (People's Republic of China), have been rendering exemplary services to the Secretariat. The Secretary-General wishes to place on record his gratitude to these Member Governments for rendering such valuable assistance, and also wishes to express deep appreciation for the dedicated services of these officials deputed to the AALCO.

35. The number of the locally recruited staff (permanent category) in the Secretariat as of 15 July 2013, is 11. The Legal Staff comprises of one Principal Legal Officer, Mrs. Anuradha Bakshi and three Legal Officers, Ms. Shannu Narayan, Mr. S. Pandiaraj and Mr. Parthan Visvanathan (on contractual basis). The remaining staffs are in the administrative and supporting category. Besides, some staff members have also been employed on temporary basis.

36. With the objective of enhancing the skills of the Legal Staff of the Secretariat, as also give them an opportunity to broaden their understanding on international law matters and promote capacity building within the Secretariat, the Secretary-General has been encouraging them to participate in such programmes. During the period under review the Legal Staff participated in the below mentioned activities. Mrs. Anuradha Bakshi, Principal Legal Officer; Ms. Shannu Narayan and Mr. S. Pandiaraj, Legal Officers judged the Twelfth Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Court Competition, jointly organized by the Indian Society of International Law and ICRC in September 2012 in New Delhi. On 7 June 2013, Mrs. Anuradha Bakshi also participated in a Lecture on "Palestine and UN Membership" organized by the Indian Society of International Law, during the *Twelfth Summer Course on International Law* from 27th May– 7th June 2013.

(i) Welfare Measures for the Secretariat Staff

37. Arrears of salary arising from the implementation of the Sixth Pay Commission's recommendation (2006) by the AALCO Secretariat are due to be disbursed to the locally-recruited staff. The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to thank the Staff for their patience and understanding in this matter. The disbursement of first and second instalment of arrears was done in August 2012 and April 2013.

(ii) Retiral benefits to the AALCO Employees

38. The AALCO Secretariat in terms of payments of salary and retiral benefits to its employees closely follows the scheme followed by the Government of India. The Government of India in 2006, raised the ceiling limit for gratuity payable to its employees on cessation of employment to a sum of Rs. 10,00,000/- (Ten lakhs). The Same ceiling was also proposed for employees working in private sector. The AALCO does not pay any pension to its retired employees. In view of this, the ceiling of the gratuity amount payable to employees on the

cessation of their employment was enhanced and the ceiling limit was brought at par with the Government of India (AALCO/RES/51/ORG 1 A, adopted on 22 June 2012).

R. Report of the Permanent Observer Mission of AALCO at the United Nations Offices

39. It may be recalled that vide AALCO/RES/48/ORG. 1, dated 20 August 2009, adopted at the Forty-Eighth Annual Session of AALCO had endorsed the Secretary-General's proposals pertaining to the "Strengthening of Permanent Observer Missions of AALCO at the United Nations Offices in New York, Geneva and Vienna".

40. Dr. Roy S. Lee was appointed as the Permanent Observer of AALCO at the United Nations Headquarters in New York in 2009. However, the Permanent Observer of AALCO to the United Nations Offices in Geneva could not be accomplished last year due to some logistic issues. It is the considered opinion of the Secretary-General that AALCO's presence in Geneva also needs to be strongly felt as it is the seat of the International Law Commission, several UN Offices and the World Trade Organization. Therefore, for activating the Permanent Observer Mission at the UN Office in Geneva, adoption of some new measures is required.

41. In this regard, the AALCO Secretariat appreciates the initiatives of Dr. Roy S. Lee, Permanent Observer of AALCO at the United Nations Headquarters in New York in presenting the Report on AALCO's Activities on behalf of the Secretary-General of AALCO at the Sixty-Seventh Annual Session of the United Nation General Assembly.

42. AALCO Meeting and the AALCO-ILC Meeting was convened on 5 November 2012 in New York on the sidelines of the Sixty-Seventh Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). It is an annual event where the Legal Advisers of the AALCO Member States and non-Member States deliberate on some of the important issues of international law. On behalf of the Secretary-General, Dr. Roy S. Lee, Permanent Observer of AALCO to the United Nations, New York had convened the Meeting. The Meeting dealt with "Achievements of the UNCLOS on its 30th Anniversary", "Current Issues facing the ICC Prosecution", "Some Thoughts on the Prevention of Genocide", "The Contribution of the ICJ to the Law of the Sea" and the "Work of the International Criminal Court".

43. Concerning the Permanent Observer Mission of AALCO at Offices in Vienna and UNIDO, Mrs. Christine J. Nemoto has been continuing her work. In future, the possibility of establishing a Permanent Observer Mission of AALCO at the United Nations Offices in Nairobi can also be explored.

44. The Secretary-General has been endeavouring to ensure a close working relationship between the AALCO Secretariat and these Permanent Observer Missions at various UN Offices. In this regard, subject to availability of financial resources, he also propose deputing Legal Officers from the AALCO Secretariat to these Missions, particularly during the Annual Session of International Law Commission at Geneva to render assistance to Asian-African

Members of the Commission, as well as during the Annual Session of UN General Assembly in New York.

S. Report on the Functioning of the Centre for Research and Training

45 The “Data Collection Unit”, which had been set up in the Secretariat in 1992, was renamed as the “Centre for Research and Training (CRT)” following a decision taken at AALCO’s Fortieth Annual Session in 2001. The Centre has been engaged in activities to strengthen its research programme and disseminate information on AALCO, inter alia, by organizing training programmes/seminars for Member States officials, bringing out special studies on the issues of international law of common concern, strengthening its website and electronic communication facilities. AALCO’s website is being constantly updated. Besides this the CRT conducts the various seminars and workshops, in collaboration with the other International Organizations, Universities or other relevant partners. In addition it also plays a proactive role in providing valuable training to law students from within and outside India, by way of its Internship programmes.

46. The activities of the CRT need to be further strengthened and in this regard, The Secretary-General requests that Member States may consider providing voluntary contributions, in addition to their regular annual contribution for steering its activities. Such contributions would be earmarked in a separate fund and utilized only for the work of CRT. A detailed report of the Centre for Research and Training is available in the document No: AALCO/52/HEADQUARTERS SESSION (NEW DELHI)/2013/ORG 4, Report on the Centre for Research and Training of the AALCO.

T. AALCO’s Draft Budget for the year 2014

47. The Draft Budget for the year 2014 has been prepared on the basis of the “Comprehensive Report for forming the 2014 Budget” which was circulated to all the Member States on 27 November 2012. Thereafter, the report and the budget for 2014 were discussed in detail during the Resumed 318th (11 December 2012) and 319th Liaison Officers Meetings (2nd April 2013). At the same time the Comprehensive report and Budget were also discussed in the 3rd (11th December 2012) and 4th (12 February 2013) Meetings of the Sub-Committee on AALCO Secretariat’s Human Resources and Financial matters as well. After all these discussions only some Member States had expressed their views on the increased draft budget for 2014. It is pertinent to mention that the increase sought in the Proposed Draft Budget for 2014, is over and above the “Revised Scale of Assessed Contributions which was adopted by the Member States of the AALCO at the Forty-Eighth Annual Session, held in Putrajaya, Malaysia from 17 to 20 August 2009.

48. It should be reiterated that the proposed increase derived from the identified facts and needs contained in the Comprehensive report that, inter alia, the high inflation rate in India in recent years adversely affected the AALCO budget and that there was an urgent need to increase the staff by recruiting a few legal professional staff members. In view of the above the Member States at the Fifty-First Annual Session in Abuja mandated the AALCO Secretariat to

look into all possibilities during framing the 2014 budget which would enable and satisfy the needs of the Member States.

49. The proposed Draft Budget for the Year 2014 was circulated to all the Liaison Officers during the 318th and 319th Meeting held on 11 December 2012 and 2 April 2013. It was placed for adoption at the 320th Meeting of the Liaison Officers held on 22 May 2013, however as there was no consensus on adoption, it was agreed that the draft budget for 2014 would be placed for consideration at the Fifty-Second Annual Session. In accordance with Rule 24 (4) of the Statutory Rules of AALCO it has to be finally approved by the Leaders of Delegations at the Annual Session. The Proposed Budget for the year 2014 is contained in document no AALCO/52/HEADQUARTERS (NEW DELHI)/2013/ORG 2. Annexed to this document is a comparative table containing the current (2013) and proposed scale (2014) of assessed contributions of Member States. (**Annex I**)

U. Membership

50. 47 States from Asia and Africa are presently Members of AALCO. As regards, increasing the membership base of AALCO, the Secretary-General would like to express his gratitude to His Excellency Mr. Mohammed Bello Adoke, the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, Federal Republic of Nigeria and the President of the Fifty-First Annual Session of AALCO for his efforts in requesting his counterparts in the Governments within the region for becoming Members of AALCO. Within the Secretariat the Secretary-general and the Deputy Secretaries-General are also making earnest efforts to enhance the membership of the Organization.

IV. STEPS TAKEN TO REVITALIZE AND STRENGTHEN THE ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION

51. Pursuant to the adoption of the Putrajaya Declaration, in 2009, various programmes have been initiated on a regular basis, to make AALCO a centre for harmonizing the action of Asian-African States in international legal matters. These include: Capacity Building Programmes; initiation of AALCO Lecture Series, and AALCO-Eminent Persons Group (EPG)¹.

1. Strengthening the Human Resources in the AALCO Secretariat

52. The Secretariat plays a crucial role in strengthening the work of the Organization. Presently, the Secretariat functions under constraints of human and financial resources. Yet the final products bear no witness to these insufficiencies and measure up to the quality and quantity of any important international conference and their outputs held anywhere in the world. In view of the decrease in legal staff strength and the increasing activities being undertaken by

¹ An overview of these measures will be given in the subsequent part of this report. Some of the details were also provided in the Secretary-General's Report of 2011 (AALCO/50/COLOMBO/2011/ORG 1) and (AALCO/51/ABUJA/2012/ORG 1)

the Organization, it is proposed to recruit at least two new legal staff members in the Secretariat in 2013-2014. Hence, AALCO needs to further strengthen the present infrastructure and other facilities offered to the Secretariat Staff.

53. In the International Category Staff, presently, all officials are from the Asian States, thus, in order to ensure that the African character of the AALCO is also visible; the Secretary-General requests the African States to second at least one senior official to the Secretariat as Deputy/Assistant Secretary-General. Likewise, he also requests the Arab Member States to consider deputing one senior official to the Secretariat for managing the affairs of the Arabic Section.

54. Furthermore, to give an international character to the Professional Category of the Secretariat Staff, it is felt that there is a need to ensure that the Secretariat should be in a position to attract and retain the best talent from the two regions. This entails offering remuneration and other terms and conditions of services at par with the other Intergovernmental Organization. Towards realizing this goal Member States are requested to nominate legal officers on deputation from their Legal Ministry, to assist in the legal research. However, the remuneration for these officials would be borne by the sponsoring State.

55. To encourage the assimilation of academic inputs into the work of AALCO, the Secretary-General proposes a Visiting Fellowship programme for senior academic and research assistant for postgraduate students from AALCO Member States.

2. Measures to Improve the Financial Situation of AALCO

56. It may be recalled that to improve the financial situation of AALCO, at the Putrajaya Session, a proposal was placed for consideration of the Heads of Delegations, it was in the form of a comprehensive approach that included the following four measures: (i) Revision of Assessed Scale of Contributions; (ii) Action Plan to Collect Arrears; (iii) Voluntary Contributions; and (iv) Replenishment of Reserve Fund. An update on each of these following measures is presented below.

(i) Adoption of Revised Scale of Contributions and Receipt of Annual Contributions from the Member States

57. It may also be recalled that in 2009 at the Forty-Eighth Annual Session held in Putrajaya, Malaysia, vide resolution AALCO/RES/48/ORG 2, the “revised scale of assessed contribution of Member States” was adopted. Pursuant to that decision and in response to AALCO/RES/51/ORG 2, in the intervening period between the Fifty-First and Fifty-Second Annual Sessions and until 17 July 2013, annual contributions from the following 37 Member States has been received for the years 2012 as well as 2013. The following 17 Member States paid the annual contributions for 2012 namely: (i) Pakistan; (ii) Federal Republic of Nigeria; (iii) Republic of South Africa; (iv) Japan; (v) Republic of Korea; (vi) Tanzania; (vii) Sri Lanka; (viii) Democratic People’s Republic of Korea; (ix) Mauritius; (x) United Arab Emirates; (xi) Cyprus; (xii) Singapore; (xiii) Kenya; (xiv) State of Kuwait; (xv) Botswana; (xvi) Arab

Republic of Egypt; (xvii) Republic of Iraq. The following Member States paid their contributions for 2013 namely: (i) Thailand; (ii) Sultanate of Oman; (iii) Myanmar; (iv) India; (v) State of Kuwait; (vi) Mauritius; (vii) Brunei Darussalam; (viii) Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; (ix) Republic of Korea; (x) Sri Lanka; (xi) People's republic of China; (xii) Botswana; (xiii) State of Qatar; (xiv) Malaysia; (xv) Kenya; (xvi) Democratic People's Republic of Korea; (xvii) Japan; (xviii) Singapore; (xix) Tanzania and (xx) Libya. The Secretary-General expresses his profound gratitude to these Member States for complying with their financial obligations.

58. Further, as regards, the remaining Member States, the Secretariat is, on a regular basis, informing them through their Diplomatic Missions and Liaison Officers in New Delhi, the importance of fulfilling their statutory and financial obligations to the Organization. The Secretary-General hopes that these efforts would yield results and by the end of this year, the annual contributions from these States would also be received.

(ii) Action Plan to Collect Arrears

59. The Extraordinary Session held at the Headquarters on 1 December 2008, in order to tide over the precarious financial situation of AALCO had approved an "Action Plan".² As per the Action Plan, the Member States in arrears have been divided under two heads: first, Member States which are in arrears for less than ten years; second, Member States in arrears for more than ten years. The Secretary-General was requested to take necessary follow-up action with these States. It may be recalled that AALCO had urged those Member States in arrears to expeditiously clear their arrears. Furthermore, vide resolution AALCO/RES/48/ORG 1 adopted on 20 August 2009, the Secretary-General was requested to implement this Action Plan, the same was also reiterated during the Forty-Ninth Annual Session.

60. Accordingly, the Secretary-General placed this onerous responsibility on the Deputy Secretary-General from Japan, who has been regularly meeting the Heads of Diplomatic Missions and Liaison Officers of these Member States in New Delhi, for materialising the action plan to collect arrears.

a. Status of Collection of Arrears

61. The Secretariat is pleased to inform the Member States that since the Fifty-First Annual Session, that the following nine Member States have either cleared or are in the process of clearing their accumulated arrears namely: Nigeria; Republic of Yemen; Republic of Korea; State of Qatar; Bangladesh; Libya and Islamic Republic of Iran.

62. Efforts are continuing with the following Member States in arrears for more than ten years i.e., Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Mongolia, The Gambia, and the State of Palestine, through their Diplomatic Missions in New Delhi, to conclude MoUs.

² AALCO/ES (NEW DELHI)/2008/ORG. 1, from page numbers 7-9.

(iii) Voluntary Contributions

63. The Secretary-General is grateful to the Governments of Member States of the Sultanate of Oman, Malaysia (before Forty-Ninth Annual Session) and Turkey (after Forty-Ninth Annual Session) for their voluntary contributions and would like to propose that any voluntary contribution made by a Member State should not be added to the regular budget of the Organization. It would be utilized for project specific action for which the Member State has made such voluntary contribution.

(iv) Replenishment of Reserve Fund

64. Rule 27 (3) of the Statutory Rules of the Organization authorizes the Secretary-General to maintain a reserve fund. To strengthen and firmly place the Organization, on a firm financial footing, it is essential that an adequate Reserve Fund is maintained by the Organization. The amount kept in Reserve Fund should at least be enough so that it could meet the expenses of the Organization for at least a period of six months.

(v) Increasing the Membership of AALCO

65. As mentioned above, 47 States are currently Member States of AALCO. 32 of these are Asian States and 15 are African States. In the informal regional grouping system that exists in the United Nations, both Asia and Africa account for 53 countries each. Therefore, both within the Asian and African continent, immense scope for widening the membership base of the AALCO exist. Building upon the efforts exerted by the distinguished predecessors, the current President of AALCO, as well as the Deputy Secretaries-General, the Secretary-General has approached the Heads of Diplomatic Missions of several of these countries in New Delhi. The Secretariat has received some positive responses from some of these States and the matter of their joining AALCO is under the active consideration of their respective Governments. In case these States become Member States of AALCO their prospective contributions would strengthen the financial stability of AALCO.

66. Last but certainly not the least, the Secretary-General would like to inform the Member States that continuous efforts are being made on optimizing the use of both the human and material resources available within the Secretariat. All efforts to minimize and curtail the operational costs are also being made.

3. Requests received from the State of Palestine, Republic of Yemen and Lebanon regarding their arrears.

67. On the one hand it has been very encouraging to see that after the consistent efforts on the part of the Secretariat some of the Member States who were in arrears have started paying their arrears. However, on the other hand The Embassy of The State of Palestine, in New Delhi, vide its Note Verbal No. ESP/A/10/10/11/13/765 dated 10 October 2011 requested the Secretary-General to exempt the State of Palestine from all its financial dues due to facts well known worldwide. Further, the Secretary-General was requested to transmit and recommend

that request to the highest destinations as well as to the respected members of the Organization. **(Annex II)**

68. The Embassy of the Republic of Yemen in New Delhi, vide its Note Verbal No/EMB/303/2012/AALCO dated 28 June 2012 requested the Secretary-General to reduce the outstanding amount of arrears by 50% and also requested if it could pay the remaining amount of outstanding arrears in two parts on account of the economic situation in the country. (Annex III)

69. Similarly, the Embassy of Lebanon in New Delhi, vide Note verbal No. 208/2012 dated 14 November 2012 informed the Secretary-General that the Lebanese Government for the first time had officially decided to become a member of AALCO in its decision No. 49/2012, dated 19 September 2012 and would fully pay its membership for the year 2013 and also participate in all the activities of the Organization provided a settlement was reached regarding all the arrears of previous years during which Lebanon was not an official member of AALCO (2000-2012). The Lebanese Government also suggested that in order to end this pending matter it was ready to sign a MOU with AALCO to settle all the arrears by paying half of its accumulated arrears, and paying a full membership from 2013 onwards. (Annex IV)

70. The Secretary-General in all the above three cases informed the authorities that he would place their respective requests for consideration of the Heads of Delegations and would act according to the decision taken at the Annual Session.

V. FUTURE PLAN OF ACTION

71. On the successful completion of his first term, and first year after his re-appointment, the Secretary-General takes this opportunity to reiterate his gratitude to the Member States for the whole hearted support and confidence that they have reposed in him. He would like to reassure the Member States that he will continue to do his best to keep alive the Bandung spirit of friendship, cooperation and solidarity amongst Asian-African States. As a strong votary for enhancing the participation of Afro-Asian countries in the progressive development and codification of international law, he would persistently work to increase the influence of Asian-African States in the international legislative process.

72. The task entrusted upon the Secretary-General is a challenging one. It would be his constant endeavour to meet the growing expectations of the Member States and re-orient AALCO's activities in such a way so that it could provide more beneficial and useful services to them. Some of the steps proposed to be undertaken in the coming year include:

1. Organizational and Substantive Projects for AALCO and its Financial Implications Commencing 2014-2016

73. It is pertinent to reiterate that as mandated by the 2009 Putrajaya Declaration on Revitalization of AALCO, the Secretariat is required to present its blueprint on how to strengthen AALCO's organizational and substantive matters. It is recalled that the 2009

Putrajaya Declaration summoned all Member States to renew their commitment in ensuring the relevance and significance of AALCO as the only legal body embracing two continents. The Secretary General of AALCO presented the long, medium and short terms projects for AALCO in the Colombo Session in 2011.

74. Meanwhile, the Sub-Committee on the AALCO Secretariat's Human Resources and Financial Matters (Hereinafter Sub-Committee) to look into the Administrative and Financial matters of AALCO was established at the Resumed 308th Meeting of Liaison Officers of AALCO Member States which was convened at the Headquarters of AALCO, on Wednesday, 1st December 2010. In considering the fact that over ten Member States were not regularly paying their annual contributions and that the AALCO budget planned on the assumption that all Member States would pay their annual contributions in full had actually always been in shortfall, the Sub-Committee suggested that the administrative budget which would be covered by the actual regular income should be separated from the project budget which would be implemented only if the Secretariat would receive contributions over the administrative portion. Based on the suggestion, the Secretariat drafted the AALCO budget for 2012 separating the administrative budget from project budget. The Fiftieth Annual Session held in Colombo in 2011 considered and approved the budget.

75. At the Fifty-First Annual Session of AALCO held in Abjua, Nigeria in June 2012, the Representatives of Member States took note of the reports from the Secretariat and unanimously adopted the Resolution *AALCO/RES/51/ORG2* in which Member States mandated the AALCO Secretariat to look into all possibilities while framing the 2014 budget to achieve sustainable, balanced and stringent budget which would enable and satisfy the needs of Member States.

76. At the 320th Liaison Officers Meeting held on May 22, 2013, in considering and approving the proposed AALCO budget for 2014, the Liaison Officers mandated the Secretariat to provide detailed budgetary breakdown not only for administrative expenses but also substantive projects.

77. In response to the request from the 319th Liaison Officers meeting and also based on the past mandates received from the Member States as stated above, the Secretariat herewith submits detailed breakdown of planned projects to be implemented from 2014 to 2016.

Projects Proposed to be Implemented from 2014 to 2016

78. The Secretariat of AALCO proposes that projects would be classified into four categories; i.e., Capacity Building Programs for AALCO Member States, Research Intensification Projects on the Work of the International Law Commission (ILC) at AALCO, Research Intensification Projects on the Work of AALCO, and In House Training Program for AALCO Professional Staff.

79. First, under the Capacity Building Programs for AALCO, the Secretariat would implement projects providing practical and important knowledge and administrative skills related to international law to the officials of Member States. The Secretariat has been

implementing WTO Training Program since 2010. The Secretariat is of the view, and also based on the resolution adopted at the 51st Annual Session meeting held in Abuja, Nigeria in 2012 as contained in the document RES/51/S1, that this project could provide up-to-date information relating to the fast changing trade rules and trends, and that it should continue for 2014 – 2016. Other projects derived from the past mandates from Member States may also be implemented if the Secretariat could receive enough contribution from Member States.

80. Second, under Research Intensification Projects on the Work of the International Law Commission (ILC) at AALCO, the Secretariat would implement research projects on current ILC issues for the purpose of forming useful inputs to ILC, mostly by employing academicians and experts from Member States for the publication of a book on the issue. It should be noted that the professional staff of the Secretariat has substantial knowledge and skill and is regularly working on these issues; therefore, the proposed projects are planned to provide information and insights which would require expertise outside of AALCO. All proposed projects are based on the past mandates given from the Member States.

81. Third, under Research Intensification Projects on the Work of AALCO, the Secretariat would implement projects which AALCO Member States hold deep interests in engaging AALCO. A number of possible areas of researches have been identified at the past AALCO meetings which include, climate change, piracy, corruption, human trafficking, terrorism, ICC, UNCLOS, cyber space, etc. Some projects related to these issues are proposed to be implemented for 2014- 2016.

82. Forth, under In House Training Program for AALCO Professional Staff, the Secretariat would implement capacity building projects for professional staff of AALCO. Professional staff of AALCO is crucially important doing day to day activities of AALCO, and the Secretariat needs to reinforce their capabilities relating to international law. Particularly, the Secretariat would like to train the staff for the better cooperation between AALCO Headquarters and our Regional Arbitration Centers. Relatively small amount of budget is planned under this category by mobilizing mostly the resources in India. The detailed breakdown of the envisaged projects in each category is submitted for the perusal of the Member States (Annex V).

2. Establishing Collaboration with Educational Institutions/Universities

83. With the aim of further expanding the research activities in AALCO, it is envisaged that collaboration with Educational Institutions/Universities within and outside India is further enhanced. In furtherance of this proposal, within India, two institutes with whom plans are currently underway on research projects are the South Asian University, New Delhi; the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Moreover, with the same objective Deans/Directors of various law schools in Malaysia have also been approached.

3. Expanding Internship Projects in AALCO

84. It is well-known that AALCO has been doing research in cutting-edge legal issues affecting the international community in general and Asian-African States in particular. One of the Secretariat's activities is to encourage the young students of law from AALCO Member States, who are interested in learning more about the various branches of international law, to get familiarized with the workings of inter-governmental Organization and international law. The internship is a practical educational experience whereby interns principally assist the Legal Staffs of the Organization in discharging their duties. During the course of the last year and until August 2013, nearly twenty students from various Member States of AALCO (such as India, Malaysia and Iran) have successfully completed/ are doing their internship programme at the Secretariat.

85. During the internship, the internees were assigned a number of tasks which included: i) Preparation of a short report on the history, functions and objectives of the AALCO; ii) Compilation of legislation of Member States on a number of international legal issues with the objective of creating a database of national legislation; iii) assisting the legal staffs in the preparation of briefs; and iv) visit to intergovernmental Organizations such as International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and institution such as Indian Society of International Law (ISIL). After their successful completion of the internship, a Certificate was awarded by the Secretary-General of AALCO to all of them.

86. As the internship programme is available throughout the year in the AALCO Secretariat, the Member States are requested to make use of this opportunity and thereby encourage the law students to undertake such internship programme with AALCO in New Delhi.

4. Convening of Young Jurist Conference

87. It is also essential to encourage and develop young scholarship in International law in the Asian-African countries. To realize this objective, on earlier occasions the Secretary-General had proposed that a "Young Jurist Conference" may be convened on the sidelines of the Annual Session. This would render an opportunity to these scholars, particularly from that country and the region, in which the Annual Session takes place to interact with the legal luminaries attending the Session and benefit from their experience and scholarship. The Secretary-General would like to make this proposal operationally viable at the earliest opportunity.

5. Improving the website of AALCO

88. It is essential to note that AALCO's website (www.aalco.int) has been regularly updated and reviewed to match the standards of other international organizations. Towards this end, all the recent activities and programmes undertaken within AALCO and documents pertaining to them have been uploaded on the website at the earliest. In this regard, to facilitate the Arabic

speaking Member States of AALCO and utilising the Arabic Fund, an Arabic interpreter/translator has been appointed to update the website in Arabic language.

6. Preparation of the Studies on the Items on the Agenda of AALCO

89. As regards, the preparation of the Studies on the Items on the Agenda of AALCO, the preparation of these would be in accordance with the mandate received from the Fifty-First Annual Session of AALCO.

7. Preparation of Studies on Selected Items on the Agenda of the Sixty-eighth Session of the United Nations General Assembly

90. Following the established practice, with a view to assisting Member States in their participation at the Sixty-eighth Session of the General Assembly, in particular the Sixth Committee, the Secretariat would prepare studies on selected items on the agenda of the Sixty-eighth Session of the General Assembly.

8. Participation in International Meetings

91. Representation of AALCO and ILC at each other's Annual Session has now become a customary practice. Following that the Secretary-General would be attending the Sixty-fifth Session of the International Law Commission and would present an overview of the discussions held at the Fifty-Second Annual Session of AALCO. In addition, he would also represent the Organization at the Sixty-eighth Session of the UN General Assembly. Another meeting, which would be convened in New York is the AALCO's Legal Advisers' and AALCO-ILC joint meeting on the sidelines of the Sixty-eighth Session of the UN General Assembly in New York. Subject to availability of funds AALCO might be represented at one or two other international meetings where its participation would be useful.

9. Capacity Building Programmes

92. Buoyed by the success of the "Training Workshop on the World Trade Organization" that took place at the AALCO Secretariat in New Delhi from 28 March to 1 April 2011 and the "Basic Course on the World Trade Organization", that took place at the Secretariat in New Delhi in 2010, for the third year in succession a successful training programme on the theme "Trade and Development" was co-organized by the AALCO, in collaboration with the Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (ITTC) WTO and Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), from 21-25 May 2012. In continuance with the past practice, there is a proposal to hold another workshop on current issues before the WTO before the end of this year. The International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) has also evinced continued interest in holding a programme on International Humanitarian Law next year also.

93. E-commerce is an emerging field of international law, which can be very useful to our Member States. The Secretariat proposes to strengthen its cooperation with the UNCITRAL and

UNCTAD and other International Organizations dealing with International Trade Law. It is proposed that seminars or workshops could be held in cooperation with these Organizations on topics such as cyber law.

10. Strengthening the Library

94. Library is the backbone for research activities of any Organization. Fortunately, in the new Headquarters building one full floor has been devoted to the Library. It is equipped with adequate stacks and cupboards and work is in progress to scientifically organize, catalogue and place properly all the available resources. Subject to the availability of funds, online legal database, such as *Lexis Nexis*, *Westlaw* or *Hein Online* could be subscribed. Plans are also afoot to make a Digital Library.

11. Publications

95. Publications of an organization are its face to the outside world. In order to ensure wider and periodic dissemination about the various activities of AALCO, the Organization has re-oriented its existing publications and provided them a new and more reader friendly look, apart from enhancing the quality and content of the publication. The advantages of digital revolution have to be ushered into the AALCO's publication policy and in this regard, it is proposed and to some extent has been implement, for the past two years, that most of the Secretariat publications are brought out in electronic format, this has resulted in sending lesser number of hard copies to the Member States, which in turn saves some financial resources of the Organization. In addition to the regular publications of AALCO, pursuant to the mandate received from the Fifty-First Annual Session the Secretariat has prepared two special studies on (i) The Statehood of Palestine under International Law and (ii) The Legal Aspects of Unilateral and Secondary Sanctions, these would be released during the forthcoming session. In addition the Verbatim Records of the Seminar on Climate Change: Post Kyoto International Climate Policy held on 16 January 2013 and Legal Experts Meeting to Commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the UNCLOS held on 5 March 2013 would also be published and released.

VI. STRENGTHENING THE COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS, ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization

96. It may be recalled that the United Nations General Assembly vide its Resolution 35/2 of 13 October 1980, had requested the AALCO to participate in its sessions and work in the capacity of observer. Since then AALCO has been actively participating as an Observer in the work of the UN General Assembly. Following the adoption of new pattern by the General Assembly, the item pertaining to the Cooperation between the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization and the United Nations is considered on a biennial basis. Dr. Roy S. Lee,

Permanent Observer of AALCO to the United Nations Offices in New York, represented the Organization and updated the sixty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly on AALCO's activities and work progress.

97. It also decided to place the item for the consideration of its sixty-seventh Session in 2012. Accordingly, the item would be considered at the forthcoming Annual Session of the UN General Assembly. The AALCO would be represented during the consideration of the item and Member States are urged to participate during the deliberations on this item in the UN General Assembly.

2. Strengthening the Cooperation with Specialized Agencies and other International Organizations

98. Since the very beginning, it has been a privilege for AALCO to work in cooperation with the United Nations, its Specialized Agencies and other International Organizations. As envisaged in its Statutes, such co-operation began with the International Law Commission. Subsequently, on matters concerning Status and Treatment of Refugees, AALCO and UNHCR established close relations. With its involvement in International Trade Law matters, AALCO initiated its cooperative arrangements with UNCITRAL, UNCTAD, UNIDO and other Inter-governmental Organizations, such as the UNIDROIT and the Hague Conference on Private International Law. However, a great impetus was given to such cooperative arrangements with the according of Permanent Observer Status to AALCO by the United Nations in 1980. As a follow-up, Agreements were concluded with the United Nations, IMO, IAEA, UNIDO, UNEP, and UNITAR. AALCO also concluded similar co-operation agreements with International Organizations, which include, Council of Europe, Commonwealth Secretariat, League of Arab States and the African Union (formerly Organization of African Unity).

99. In August 2000, a Cooperation Agreement was signed between AALCO and WIPO. In 2001, Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were signed with International Organization for Migration (IOM), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the United Nations University (UNU). In 2002, similar MoUs were concluded with the UNHCR and ICRC. The Cooperation Agreement with the ICRC entered into force in July 2003. In September 2004, administrative arrangements for cooperation between the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and AALCO were formalized. At the Nairobi Session (2005), a revised and revitalized Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) was signed. In February 2008, a Memorandum of Understanding between the AALCO and the International Criminal Court (ICC) was concluded.

100. In October 2009, a Memorandum of Understanding was concluded between the Secretariat of AALCO and the Institute of International Law of Wuhan University of the People's Republic of China. During the Forty-Ninth Annual Session of AALCO at Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania in 2010, a MoU was concluded with the International Council of Environmental Law (ICEL).

101. Other Organizations with whom process may be initiated include the World Trade Organization (WTO), Organization for Islamic Conference (OIC), Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), the African Union and other regional groupings of North and Latin American countries.

102. It needs to be emphasized that these cooperation agreements provide very useful basis for organizing joint meetings and seminars on topics of mutual interest with these Organizations. These Organizations provide funds for the participation of resource persons and experts, which enrich the deliberations in the AALCO meetings. AALCO's financial commitments are minimum. This is a very practical way to enhance AALCO's activities and broaden its base of research activities.

VII. CONCLUDING REMARKS

103. Ever since Prof. Dr. Rahmat Mohamad assumed the office of the Secretary-General of AALCO he has had a twin objective i.e. of fulfilling the mandate entrusted to him by the Member States and enhancing the stature of the Organization among the international fraternity. The activities undertaken during the past one year, after his reappointment for the second and final term, despite the human and financial constraints that the Organization faces are quite satisfactory. He would like to assure the Member States that once the financial status of the Organization is further strengthened and coupled with the continued encouragement and support of the Member States, much more useful initiatives could be undertaken for furthering the common cause of Asian and African states in the international law arena.

104. AALCO's contribution towards progressive development and codification of international law and rule of law in international affairs till date has been very significant. While stepping into another era in the history of AALCO, at its Fifty-Second Annual Session, it is imperative to revive the Bandung Spirit of solidarity amongst the Asian-African States and work towards the betterment of peoples of the two regions and at larger level to contribute to the well-being of humanity and humankind. In the current year 2013, the AALCO has entered into the fifty-seventh year of its effective functioning towards achieving its objectives and mission of establishment.

105. The Organization is hosting the Fifty-Second Annual Session, in New Delhi, the Headquarters of the Organization. One can say that during this long period, AALCO's journey has not been smooth, but for the immense support by its Member States, the Organization has witnessed tremendous progress. This in itself is demonstrative of the continued ideological relevance of the Organization. The voice of the people of the Afro-Asian region which is host to the largest part of the humanity needs to be echoed in various international fora. In this regard, towards enhancing the work of AALCO, the Secretary-General is convinced that Member States of AALCO would encourage and contribute towards its future activities, besides promising to place AALCO on a sound financial footing.

ANNEXURE I

STATEMENT OF ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE MEMBER STATES AND PROPOSED CONTRIBUTION TO THE BUDGET OF AALCO FOR THE YEAR 2014

Member States	Current 2013 Contributions US\$	Proposed Contribution 2014 US\$
1 Arab Republic of Egypt	10,970	12,365
2 Bahrain	13,705	15,798
3 Bangladesh	6,868	7,216
4 Brunei Darussalam	10,970	12,365
5 Cameroon	8,235	8,933
6 People's Republic of China	20,543	24,380
7 Cyprus	8,235	8,933
8 Gambia	6,868	7,216
9 Ghana	8,235	8,933
10 India	20,543	24,380
11 Indonesia	17,808	20,947
12 Islamic Republic of Iran	13,705	15,798
13 Republic of Iraq	8,235	8,933
14 Japan	61,568	75,870
15 Kingdom of Jordan	8,235	8,933
16 Republic of Kenya	8,235	8,933
17 Democratic People's Republic of Korea	8,235	8,933
18 Republic of Korea	16,440	19,231
19 State of Kuwait	20,543	24,380
20 Lebanon	8,235	8,933
21 Libya	16,440	19,231
22 Malaysia	13,705	15,798
23 Mauritius	8,235	8,933
24 Mongolia	8,235	8,933
25 Myanmar	8,235	8,933
26 Nepal	6,868	7,216
27 Federal Republic of Nigeria	16,440	19,231
28 Sultanate of Oman	13,705	15,798
29 Pakistan	10,970	12,365
30 Palestine	6,868	7,216
31 State of Qatar	13,705	15,798
32 Saudi Arabia	27,380	32,961
33 Senegal	6,868	7,216
34 Sierra Leone	6,868	7,216
35 South Africa	16,440	19,231
36 Somalia	waived	waived

37	Republic of Singapore	13,705		15,798
38	Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	8,235		8,933
39	Sudan	6,868		7,216
40	Syrian Arab Republic	8,235		8,933
41	United Republic of Tanzania	6,868		7,216
42	Thailand	10,970		12,365
43	Turkey	15,073		17,514
44	Republic of Uganda	6,868		7,216
45	United Arab Emirates	13,705		15,798
46	Republic of Yemen	6,868		7,216
47	Botswana (Associate Member)	5,500		5,500
		570,268	(+) 80,923 =	651,191

ANNEX II

Embassy of the State of Palestine
India



ANNEX I
سفارة دولة فلسطين
الهند

No: ESP/A/10/10/11/13/765

الرقم:

Date: 10th October 2011

التاريخ

Embassy of the State of Palestine in India presents its compliments to the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) – New Delhi, and has the honour to kindly request the Secretary General of (AALCO) to exempt the State of Palestine from all financial dues by the esteemed organization for the facts well known worldwide.

It will be highly appreciated if the Secretary General of Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) transmits and recommends our request to the highest destinations and as well as the respected members of the organization.

Embassy of the State of Palestine avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) – New Delhi, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the State of Palestine
New Delhi

Annual Seminar
توقيع



ANNEX III

Embassy of the
Republic of Yemen
New Delhi



ANNEX II

سفارة الجمهورية اليمنية
نيودلهي

REF NO : EMB/303/2012/AALCO
DATE : 28/06/2012

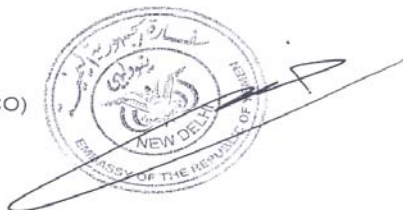
The Embassy of the Republic of Yemen presents its compliments to the Asian African Legal Consultative Organization, New Delhi, and has the honor to forward a request regarding Bi-lateral meeting and negotiation between the Embassy of the Republic of Yemen and your Organization during the past period about the mechanism of paying outstanding arrears US\$ 51,633 (US Dollar Fifty One Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Three), to reduce the outstanding amount by 50% i.e. US\$ 25,816.5 (US Twenty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Sixteen and five only), due to the recent economic situation of Yemen, to be paid in two parts.

The Government of the Republic of Yemen has already paid amount of US\$ 12,967.03 (US Dollar Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Seven and three only) and balance will pay in next year i.e. 2013. (copy enclosed)

The Yemen Embassy request the esteemed organization to accept the reducing amount from the arrears and also the Embassy is looking forward to sign Memorandum of Understanding regarding the above said outstanding amount and after that the Embassy will pay the rest of the amount.

The Embassy of the Republic of Yemen avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Asian Africal Legal Consultative Organization the assurance of its highest consideration.

Asian African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)
29- C, Rizal Marg, Diplomatic Enclave
Chanakyapuri- 110021
New Delhi



ANNEX IV

ANNEX III

Embassy of Lebanon
New Delhi



السفارة اللبنانية
نيودلهي

Note no. 208/2012

14

The Embassy of Lebanon in New Delhi presents its compliments to the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organisation, and in reference to its Note No. AC-2013/115/AALCO dated 26/09/2012 related to the payment of Annual Contribution for the year 2013 has the honour to inform that, for the first time, the Lebanese Government has officially decided to become a member of the Organization in its decision No. 49/2012, dated 19/09/2012 and will fully pay its membership for the year 2013 with a full participation in all of the activities of the esteemed organization, provided a settlement is reached regarding all the arrears of the previous years during which Lebanon was not an official member, from the year 2000 to 2012 included.

The Lebanese authorities, wish to end this pending matter in a fair way for both sides based on the fact that from 2000 to 2012 Lebanon was not actively participating in any decision making related to the organization, did not actively participate in its activities, especially from 2007 to 2012.

Despite all the financial difficulties that the Lebanese Government faces for the time being and the effects that it suffers from the surrounding regional turmoil, the Embassy proposes signing an MoU with the organization to settle all the arrears by paying half of it as a mean of settlement till end of 2012 provided the Lebanese Government approval and paying a full membership from 2013 onwards with a full participation afterwards.

The Embassy of Lebanon is looking forward to end this misunderstanding that has been going on for more than a decade now and is eager to put an end to this matter once and for all, and for that purpose is looking forward to cooperate with the esteemed Organisation.

The Embassy of Lebanon avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organisation, the assurances of its highest consideration.

New Delhi 14th November 2012

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization
29-C, Rizal Marg, Diplomatic Enclave,
Chanakyapuri-21



ANNEXURE V

Projects Proposed to be Implemented from 2014 to 2016

Projects for 2014

Capacity Building Programs for AALCO Member States #All cost figures are in USD

- 1) WTO Training Program (RES/51/S13): USD 12,620

Honorarium for 5 Lectures: $100*5= 500$

Airfare & Lodging for 3 International Lectures:

 Round Trip between Delhi and Geneva: $1500*3= 4500$

 Accommodation: $250*3*6= 4500$

Local Transportations for Lectures (2 taxis) : $70*2*6$ days = 840

Printing training materials:

 Program: $2*100= 200$

 Lecture Proceedings (book form): $5*100= 500$

 Invitation: $1*100= 100$

Stationary: $5*100= 500$ (Folders, Pens, Note Pads, Printer Cartridges, Paper, etc)

Photocopier Rental: 50 per day *6 days = 300

Refreshment: $100*5= 500$

Miscellaneous: 180

- 2) Expert Group Meeting in Cooperation with WIPO (RES/51/SP2)(tentative): USD 10,160

Honorarium for 4 International Participants: $100*4=400$

Airfare & Lodging for 4 International Participants:

 Round Trip between Delhi and Geneva: $1500*4=6000$

 Accommodation: $250*4*2=2000$

Local Transportations for Lectures (2 taxis) : $70*2*2$ days = 280

Printing materials:

 Working group Proceedings (book form): $5*20=100$

Stationary: $5*20=100$ (Folders, Pens, Note Pads, Printer Cartridges, Paper, etc)

Photocopier Rental: 50 per day *2 days =100

Refreshment: $100*2=200$

Welcome Dinner: $40*20=800$

Miscellaneous: 180

Research Intensification Projects on the Work of the ILC at AALCO

- 3) Research on Protection of Persons in the event of Disasters (RES/51/S1) : USD 10,550

Honorarium for 3 International researchers: $1850*3=5550$

Publication of the research outcome (book form): $10*500=5000$

- 4) Seminar to introduce the outcome of the research: USD 17,410

Honorarium for 3 researchers: $500*3=1500$

Airfare & Lodging for 3 International Lectures:

Round Trip between Delhi and Geneva: $1500*3=4500$

Accommodation: $250*3*2=1500$

Local Transportations for Lectures (2 taxis) : $70*2*2 \text{ days} = 280$

Distribution of the publication (postage): 1000

Printing Seminar materials:

Program: $2*100=200$

Seminar Proceedings (book form): $5*100=500$

Invitation: $1*100=100$

Stationary: $5*100=500$ (Folders, Pens, Note Pads, Printer Cartridges, Paper, etc)

Photocopier Rental: 50 per day=50

Refreshment: 100

Reception Food & Drink: $40*100=4000$

Venue for Reception: 3000

Miscellaneous: 180

Research Intensification Projects on the Work of AALCO

- 5) Research on corruption: USD 10,550

Honorarium for 3 International researchers: $1850*3=5550$

Publication of the research outcome (book form): $10*500=5000$

- 6) Seminar to introduce the outcome of the research: USD 17,410

Honorarium for 3 researchers: $500*3=1500$

Airfare & Lodging for 3 International Lectures:

Round Trip between Delhi and Vienna: $1500*3=4500$

Accommodation: $250*3*2=1500$

Local Transportations for Lectures (2 taxis) : $70*2*2 \text{ days} = 280$

Distribution of the publication (postage): 1000

Printing Seminar materials:

Program: $2*100=200$

Seminar Proceedings (book form): $5*100=500$

Invitation: $1*100=100$

Stationary: $5*100=500$ (Folders, Pens, Note Pads, Printer Cartridges, Paper, etc)

Photocopier Rental: 50 per day=50

Refreshment: 100

Reception Food & Drink: $40*100=4000$

Venue for Reception: 3000

Miscellaneous: 180

In House Training Program for AALCO Professional Staff

7) Arbitration Centers Cooperation program (tentative): USD 1,131

Honorarium for 4 Local Lectures: $200*4=800$

Local Transportations for Lectures (2 taxis) : $70*2*2$ days = 280

Miscellaneous: 51

Total: USD 79,831

Projects for 2015

Capacity Building Programs for AALCO Member States

1) WTO Training Program (RES/51/S13)): USD 12,620

Honorarium for 5 Lectures: $100*5=500$

Airfare & Lodging for 3 International Lectures:

Round Trip between Delhi and Geneva: $1500*3=4500$

Accommodation: $250*3*6=4500$

Local Transportations for Lectures (2 taxis) : $70*2*6$ days = 840

Printing training materials:

Program: $2*100=200$

Lecture Proceedings (book form): $5*100=500$

Invitation: $1*100=100$

Stationary: $5*100=500$ (Folders, Pens, Note Pads, Printer Cartridges, Paper, etc)

Photocopier Rental: 50 per day *6 days =300

Refreshment: $100*5=500$

Miscellaneous: 180

- 2) UNCLOS Expert Group Meeting in Cooperation with ITLOS (RES/51/SP2)(tentative):
USD 10,160

Honorarium for 4 International Participants: $100*4=400$

Airfare & Lodging for 4 International Participants:

Round Trip between Delhi and Geneva: $1500*4=6000$

Accommodation: $250*4*2=2000$

Local Transportations for Lectures (2 taxis) : $70*2*2$ days = 280

Printing materials:

Working group Proceedings (book form): $5*20=100$

Stationary: $5*20=100$ (Folders, Pens, Note Pads, Printer Cartridges, Paper, etc)

Photocopier Rental: 50 per day *2 days =100

Refreshment: $100*2=200$

Welcome Dinner: $40*20=800$

Miscellaneous: 180

Research Intensification Projects on the Work of the ILC at AALCO

- 3) Research on The Identification of Customary International Law (RES/51/S1) : USD
10,550

Honorarium for 3 International researchers: $1850*3=5550$

Publication of the research outcome (book form): $10*500=5000$

- 4) Seminar to introduce the outcome of the research: USD 17,410

Honorarium for 3 researchers: $500*3=1500$

Airfare & Lodging for 3 International Lectures:

Round Trip between Delhi and Geneva: $1500*3=4500$

Accommodation: $250*3*2=1500$

Local Transportations for Lectures (2 taxis) : $70*2*2$ days = 280

Distribution of the publication (postage): 1000

Printing Seminar materials:

Program: $2*100=200$

Seminar Proceedings (book form): $5*100=500$

Invitation: $1*100=100$

Stationary: $5*100=500$ (Folders, Pens, Note Pads, Printer Cartridges, Paper, etc)

Photocopier Rental: 50 per day=50

Refreshment: 100

Reception Food & Drink: $40*100=4000$

Venue for Reception: 3000

Miscellaneous: 180

Research Intensification Projects on the Work of AALCO

5) Research on corruption Phase 2: USD 10,550

Honorarium for 3 International researchers: $1850*3=5550$

Publication of the research outcome (book form): $10*500=5000$

6) Seminar to introduce the outcome of the research: USD 17,410

Honorarium for 3 researchers: $500*3=1500$

Airfare & Lodging for 3 International Lectures:

Round Trip between Delhi and Vienna: $1500*3=4500$

Accommodation: $250*3*2=1500$

Local Transportations for Lectures (2 taxis) : $70*2*2$ days = 280

Distribution of the publication (postage): 1000

Printing Seminar materials:

Program: $2*100=200$

Seminar Proceedings (book form): $5*100=500$

Invitation: $1*100=100$

Stationary: $5*100=500$ (Folders, Pens, Note Pads, Printer Cartridges, Paper, etc)

Photocopier Rental: 50 per day=50

Refreshment: 100

Reception Food & Drink: $40*100=4000$

Venue for Reception: 3000

Miscellaneous: 180

In House Training Program for AALCO Professional Staff

7) Arbitration Centers Cooperation program Phase 2 (tentative): USD 1,131

Honorarium for 4 Local Lectures: $200*4=800$

Local Transportations for Lectures (2 taxis) : $70*2*2$ days = 280

Miscellaneous: 51

Total: USD 79,831

Projects for 2016

Capacity Building Programs for AALCO Member States

- 1) WTO Training Program (RES/51/S13): USD 12,620

Honorarium for 5 Lectures: $100*5=500$

Airfare & Lodging for 3 International Lectures:

Round Trip between Delhi and Geneva: $1500*3=4500$

Accommodation: $250*3*6=4500$

Local Transportations for Lectures (2 taxis) : $70*2*6$ days = 840

Printing training materials:

Programme: $2*100=200$

Lecture Proceedings (book form): $5*100=500$

Invitation: $1*100=100$

Stationary: $5*100=500$ (Folders, Pens, Note Pads, Printer Cartridges, Paper, etc)

Photocopier Rental: 50 per day *6 days =300

Refreshment: $100*5=500$

Miscellaneous: 180

- 2) Expert Group Meeting on the Status of Refugee (RES/51/S3)(tentative): USD 10,160

Honorarium for 4 International Participants: $100*4=400$

Airfare & Lodging for 4 International Participants:

Round Trip between Delhi and Geneva: $1500*4=6000$

Accommodation: $250*4*2=2000$

Local Transportations for Lectures (2 taxis) : $70*2*2$ days = 280

Printing materials:

Working group Proceedings (book form): $5*20=100$

Stationary: $5*20=100$ (Folders, Pens, Note Pads, Printer Cartridges, Paper, etc)

Photocopier Rental: 50 per day *2 days =100

Refreshment: $100*2=200$

Welcome Dinner: $40*20=800$

Miscellaneous: 180

Research Intensification Projects on the Work of the ILC at AALCO

- 3) Research on Immunity of State Officials (RES/51/S1) : USD 10,550

Honorarium for 3 International researchers: $1850*3=5550$

Publication of the research outcome (book form): $10*500=5000$

4) Seminar to introduce the outcome of the research: USD 17,410

Honorarium for 3 researchers: $500*3=1500$

Airfare & Lodging for 3 International Lectures:

Round Trip between Delhi and Geneva: $1500*3=4500$

Accommodation: $250*3*2=1500$

Local Transportations for Lectures (2 taxis) : $70*2*2$ days = 280

Distribution of the publication (postage): 1000

Printing Seminar materials:

Programme: $2*100=200$

Seminar Proceedings (book form): $5*100=500$

Invitation: $1*100=100$

Stationary: $5*100=500$ (Folders, Pens, Note Pads, Printer Cartridges, Paper, etc)

Photocopier Rental: 50 per day=50

Refreshment: 100

Reception Food & Drink: $40*100=4000$

Venue for Reception: 3000

Miscellaneous: 180

Research Intensification Projects on the Work of AALCO

5) Research on Human Trafficking (RES/51/S8) : USD 10,550

Honorarium for 3 International researchers: $1850*3=5550$

Publication of the research outcome (book form): $10*500=5000$

6) Seminar to introduce the outcome of the research: USD 17,410

Honorarium for 3 researchers: $500*3=1500$

Airfare & Lodging for 3 International Lectures:

Round Trip between Delhi and Geneva: $1500*3=4500$

Accommodation: $250*3*2=1500$

Local Transportations for Lectures (2 taxis) : $70*2*2$ days = 280

Distribution of the publication (postage): 1000

Printing Seminar materials:

Programme: $2*100=200$

Seminar Proceedings (book form): $5*100=500$

Invitation: $1*100=100$

Stationary: $5*100=500$ (Folders, Pens, Note Pads, Printer Cartridges, Paper, etc)

Photocopier Rental: 50 per day=50

Refreshment: 100

Reception Food & Drink: $40*100=4000$

Venue for Reception: 3000

Miscellaneous: 180

In House Training Program for AALCO Professional Staff

7) Management and Organization Governance training program (tentative): USD 1,131

Honorarium for 4 Local Lectures: $200*4=800$

Local Transportations for Lectures (2 taxis): $70*2*2$ days = 280

Miscellaneous: 51

Total: USD 79,831

ANNEX VI

SECRETARIAT'S DRAFT
AALCO/RES/DFT/52/ORG 1
12 SEPTEMBER 2013

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON ORGANIZATIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Recalling the functions and purposes of the Organization as stipulated in Article 1 of the Statutes of AALCO;

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on Organizational, Administrative and Financial Matters pursuant to Rule 20 (7) of Statutory Rules as contained in Document No. AALCO/52/HEADQUARTERS (NEW DELHI)/2013/ORG 1;

Having heard with appreciation the introductory statement of the Secretary-General on the Report of the Secretary-General on Organizational, Administrative and Financial Matters;

Also having heard with keen interest and appreciation the statements of the Heads of Delegations of AALCO Member States on the Report of the Secretary-General;

Appreciating the efforts of the Secretary-General to enhance the activities of the Organization and to implement its work programme as approved at its Fifty-First Annual Session held in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 18-22 June 2012;

Also appreciating the continued practice towards the rationalization of its work programme, including consideration of the agenda items during its annual sessions;

Reiterating the mandate of the Putrajaya Declaration on Revitalizing and Strengthening the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization; and the Action Plan as explained in Document No. AALCO/ES (NEW DELHI)/2008/ORG.1 adopted by the Extraordinary Session of AALCO Member States held on 1 December 2008, in New Delhi (Headquarters), India;

Welcoming the efforts by the Secretary-General for Revitalizing and Strengthening the AALCO;

Also welcoming the continuous support and generous voluntary contribution made by the Government of India, the host of AALCO towards the partial cost incurred for hosting the Fifty-Second Annual Session:

Taking note of the Report of the Chairman of the Sub-Committee of Liaison Officers of AALCO Member States on the AALCO Secretariat's Human Resources and Financial Matters;

Noting with satisfaction the increased co-operation between the Organization and the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies, other international organizations and academic institutions:

1. **Approves** the work programme of the Organization as set out in the Report of the Secretary-General and urges Member States to extend their full support to the implementation of that programme;
2. **Requests** the Secretary-General to continue his efforts and explore the ways and means to enlarge the Membership of the Organization in Asia and Africa, in particular, to increase the representation from the African States and Central Asian States;
3. **Further** extends the mandate of the Sub-Committee of Liaison Officers of Member States on the AALCO Secretariat's Human Resources and Financial Matters;
4. **Encourages** the Member States to actively participate in the Sub-Committee of Liaison Officers of Member States on the AALCO Secretariat's Human Resources and Financial Matters so as to enable it to place its Report at the Fifty-Third Session of the Organization;
6. **Encourages** Member States to make voluntary contributions to support the capacity building activities under the approved work programme of the Organization; and
7. **Further requests** the Secretary-General to report on the activities of the Organization at its Fifty-Third Annual Session.