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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
(Deliberated)

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

Considering the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/52/HEADQUARTERS (NEW DELHI)/2013/SD/S 10;

Noting with appreciation the introductory statement of the Deputy Secretary-General;

Having followed with great interest the deliberations on the item reflecting the views of the Member States on the agenda item “Environment and Sustainable Development”;

Deeply concerned with the deteriorating state of the global environment through various human activities, and unforeseen natural disasters;

Reaffirming that environmental protection constitutes an integral part of sustainable development;

Recalling the Nairobi Resolution on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development adopted by the Forty-Fourth Session of AALCO in 2005;

Underlying that climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time;

Emphasizing that strong political will to combat climate change in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Recognizing the importance of the on-going ADP negotiations for stronger international cooperation on climate change for the period beyond 2012;

Considering the Doha Climate Gateway adopted at the United Nations Climate Change Conference held at Doha, Qatar in December 2012 .

Conscious of the importance of the conservation of biological diversity for evolution and maintaining life-sustaining systems of the biosphere;

Affirming the importance of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification:

1. **Urges** Member States to actively participate in the on-going negotiations in the ADP and consider ratifying the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol agreeing for 8-year commitment period since January 2013.
2. **Directs** the Secretariat to follow the Climate Change negotiations and Durban Outcome processes for stronger international legal instrument on climate change for the period beyond 2012.
3. **Further directs** the Secretariat to continue to follow up the progress in the implementation of the outcome of the Johannesburg Summit as well as follow up the progress in the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Convention on Biological Diversity, and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, and
4. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda of the Fifty-Third Annual Session.