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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 Doc. 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;
- 5. **Encourages** Member States to make voluntary contributions to support the capacity building activities under the approved work programme of the Organization; and
- 6. **Requests** the Secretary General to inscribe an official record to express Member State's deepest condolences and pay heartfelt tribute to the family of the late Ambassador Yamada and transmit the same record to the Government of Japan and family of the late Ambassador Yamada.
- 7. **Further requests** the Secretary-General to report on the activities of the Organization at its Fifty-Third Annual Session.