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**THE STATUS AND TREATMENT OF REFUGEES**  
*(Non-Deliberated)*

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

**Considering** the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/52/ HEADQUARTERS (NEW DELHI)/2013/S 3;

**Reaffirming** the importance of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees (the 1951 Convention), together with the 1967 Protocol thereto, as complemented by the Organization of African Unity Convention of 1969, as the cornerstone of the international system for the protection of refugees;

**Commending** the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for the important contribution that it has made towards the protection of refugees and internally displaced persons, since the establishment of the UNHCR;

**Recognizing** the landmark achievement of the coming into force of the 2009 African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa, also known as the “Kampala Convention”;

1. **Acknowledges** the desirability of comprehensive approaches by the international community to the problems of refugees and displaced persons, including addressing root causes, strengthening emergency preparedness and response, providing effective protection and achieving durable solutions;
2. **Calls upon** all States that have not yet done so to ratify/accede to, and implement fully the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol thereto, as well as other relevant international and regional instruments, including the 1954 Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons, the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, and the Kampala Convention.
3. **Directs** the Secretariat to explore, in the near future, the possibility of organizing a joint seminar or workshop in collaboration with the UNHCR with the aim of studying

the feasibility of drafting a Model Law on Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons in the Asian-African region; and,

4. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda at its Fifty-Third Annual Session.