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APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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I. Introduction

1. It may be recalled that at AALCO's Fifty-Fifth Annual Session held in New Delhi (India), from 16 to 20 May 2016, H.E. Prof. Dr. Kennedy Gastorn, the current Secretary-General from the United Republic of Tanzania was unanimously elected¹ as Secretary-General of AALCO, for a term of four years commencing from 15 August 2016² and ending on 14 August 2020.

II. Appointment of the next Secretary-General of AALCO during the Fifty-Ninth Annual Session of AALCO

2. The Secretariat announced to the Member States that in accordance with Rule 20 of the Statutory Rules of AALCO, the "Election and Appointment of the new Secretary-General" shall be one of the agenda items in the upcoming 59th Annual Session as per the Note Verbale No. 431/2019 /SGE/AALCO of 26 November 2019. However, due to COVID-19, the Fifty-Ninth Annual Session was postponed and as a result, it was announced that for the effective and smooth functioning of the Secretariat during this period, H. E. Prof. Dr. Kennedy Gastorn will continue to carry out his duties and functions in line with practice and in accordance with AALCO Statutes and Rules as the Secretary-General until the election (vide No.106/2020/SS/AALCO of 1 June 2020). As the Fifty-Ninth Annual Session is scheduled to be held in Hong Kong SAR, the People's Republic of China, from 29 November to 1 December 2021, the "Appointment of the Secretary General" is to take place during the Second Meeting of Delegations, on 29 November 2021. Thereafter, the President of the Fifty-Ninth Annual Session will declare the outcome of the decision taken at the Plenary Meeting.

III. Provision concerning the Appointment of the Secretary-General

3. The provision governing this issue as stipulated in Rule 20 (1) of the AALCO Statutory Rules is as follows:

"20. The Secretary-General

(1) The Organization shall appoint a legal expert or a person who has adequate legal expertise and administrative experience, who is a national of a Participating State, to be Secretary-General, for a term of four years. The person so appointed shall be eligible for re-appointment for only one further term of four years.

The appointment of the Secretary-General which shall be based on rotation between the two regional groups, shall be by consensus of the Participating States.

¹ Refer to Document No. AALCO/55/HEADQUARTERS (NEW DELHI) SESSION/2016/ORG 4.

² "Appointment of Secretary-General", RES/55/ORG 4, adopted on 16 May 2016.

In the event that consensus cannot be reached after all efforts have been exhausted, an indicative secret ballot by majority at the meeting of the Heads of Delegations may be used to offer a consensus candidate who will be appointed by the Organization.”

4. The Secretariat invited nominations for the post of Secretary-General from Member States vide Note Verbale No. 431/2019/SGE/AALCO dated 26 November 2019. Within the set deadline, the Secretariat has received two nominations for the post of the Secretary-General from the Asian region. The first candidature, nominated by the Royal Thai Government³, along with the C.V. of Dr. Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol, was duly notified to the Member States, by the Secretariat on 27 July 2020. The second nomination was received from the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic of Mr. Ammar Bilal whose CV was notified to the Member States by the Secretariat on 24 September 2020.

IV. Procedure for the Election of the Secretary-General

5. The primary method of appointment of a candidate as Secretary-General is by consensus. However, in the event that consensus cannot be reached after all efforts, the election of the Secretary-General will take place according to the following procedure based on Rule 20 (1) of the AALCO Statutory Rules and past practice.

- a. The election is done by an indicative secret ballot.
- b. In case there is only one candidate, a majority of Member States present and voting is required for him/her to become the consensus candidate.
- c. In accordance with the past practice, a Committee would be constituted to count the votes. It will comprise of the Secretary-General, Deputy Secretaries-General and one member from the candidate's Delegation. The Committee will inform the President of the result. Thereafter, the President will finally declare the result⁴.
- d. During the Fifty-Ninth Annual Session of AALCO, this item will be deliberated during the Second Meeting of Delegations of the Member States with the presence of the Heads of Delegations at this meeting being of utmost importance.⁵

The nominations are attached herewith.

³ Annex 1.

⁴ Report of the Forty-Seventh Annual Session of AALCO, Headquarters (New Delhi), 2008, Doc. No. AALCO/47/New Delhi (Headquarters)/2008/REP, page no. 17

⁵ Page 2, Document No. AALCO/47/HEADQUARTERS (NEW DELHI) SESSION/2008/ORG 5.

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ANNEX I

No.153/2020/SGE/AALCO

27 July 2020

Sub: Nomination for the post of Secretary-General

The Secretariat of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) presents its compliments to the Embassies/High Commissions of the Member States of AALCO in New Delhi, and with reference to its Note Verbale No.81/2020/SS/AALCO and No.106/2020/SS/AALCO of 21 April 2020 and 1 June 2020 concerning the nominations of candidature for the post of Secretary-General, has the honour to inform the latter that the Royal Thai Government has nominated **Dr. Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol** for the position of the Secretary-General of AALCO.

The Curriculum Vitae (CV) of Dr. Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol is attached hereto for the perusal of the Member States.

It shall be highly appreciated if this information could be transmitted to the concerned Ministry in charge of AALCO affairs at the earliest for their information.

The Secretariat of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) avails itself of this opportunity to reiterate to the Embassies/High Commissions of Member States of AALCO in New Delhi the assurances of its highest consideration.

Enclosed:

1. Note Verbale from the Royal Thai Embassy (1page)
2. CV of Dr. Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol (5 pages)

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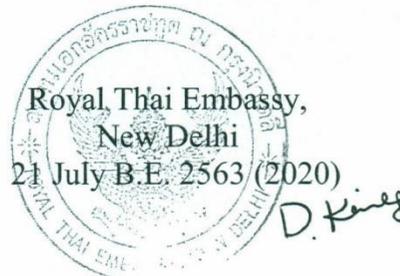
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The Royal Thai Embassy presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) and has the honour to refer to the latter's Note Nos. 81/2020/SGE/AALCO and 106/2020/SS/AALCO dated 21 April 2020 and 1 June 2020, respectively, regarding the nomination of candidates for the position of Secretary-General of AALCO.

The Embassy has further the honour to inform that the Royal Thai Government has decided to nominate Dr. Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol for the position of Secretary-General of AALCO. Dr. Pinitpuvadol is a Thai legal expert and an advisor to the National Security Council of Thailand. He also holds various legal-related positions in Thailand. The Curriculum Vitae (CV) of Dr. Pinitpuvadol is attached hereto for reference.

In this regard, the Embassy would highly appreciate it if the Secretariat could kindly circulate the nomination of the Thai candidate, Dr. Pinitpuvadol, along with his CV for the AALCO member states' consideration.

The Royal Thai Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of AALCO the assurances of its highest consideration.

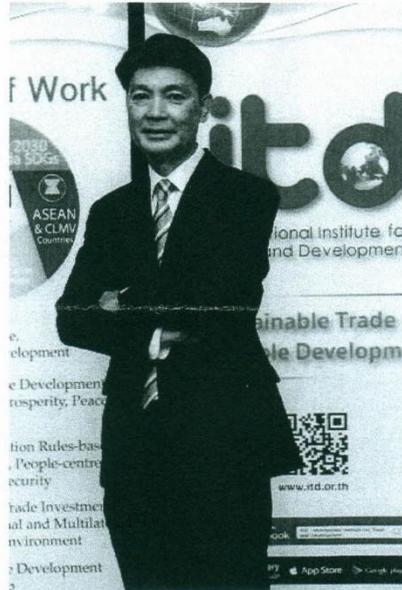


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Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol



BACKGROUND

Born in Bangkok on August 17, 1958, Dr. Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol held Bachelor's degrees in law from Chulalongkorn University (Bangkok, Thailand), Master's degrees in international law (Diplôme d'études approfondies or DEA) from the Université Robert Schuman, also known as Strasbourg III, and obtained a Doctorate in international law (Docteur en Droit) in 1991 from the University of Strasbourg (the French Republic).

He started his career as a lecturer at the Faculty of Law of Chulalongkorn University in 1991 where he taught and researched in the areas of private international law, international investment law, international trade law, international economic law, international law on children's rights and European Union law. In addition to his legal expertise, he was appointed as the Executive Director of Child Rights ASIANET, a regional center founded by the Faculty of Law, the International Law Association of Thailand (ILAT) and the United Nations Children's Fund for East Asia and the Pacific (UNICEF/EAPRO), which aimed to promote and protect rights of children in Asia and the Pacific. He held the position of Secretary General of the International Law Association of Thailand and led the preparation of the Thailand Journal of International Law. He also held the position of Associate Judge at the Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court.

He joined the Eastern Asia University in 2003 as Vice President for Research Affairs and Director of Master Program on Business Law. From 2008 to 2014, he served as Deputy Executive Director at the Knowledge Network Institute of Thailand, Ministry of Education, an organization engaging with public policy focusing on higher education. He also held the position of Director of the Institute of Good Governance for universities.

In 2015, he was elected and appointed to the position of the Executive Director of the International Institute for Trade and Development (ITD) (Public organization)¹. His term ended in January 2019. During his office for the term of four years, Dr. Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol has seen to fruition his work to revitalize and strengthen the organization, as well as his work in promoting and strengthening knowledge on various issues related to trade, investment and development through conferences, seminars, workshop, training programs and research programs. Under his leadership, ITD has also increased the scope of its engagements with other international and regional organizations. ITD has cooperated closely with UNCTAD, WTO, ITC, UNCITRAL, UNESCAP and ICSID. ITD has also embarked on several capacity-building and research programs with various national and regional organizations such as APEC, ASEAN, Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT), Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), ASEAN Law Association (ALA), Asian Society of International Law (Asian SIL), CUTS International, Mekong Institute (MI), Economic Research Institute for Trade (ERIT) of Lao PDR, Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS), Trade Training and Research Institute (TTRI) of Cambodia and Free Trade University (FTU) of Vietnam.

Currently, he holds the position of Advisor to the National Security Council - Thailand and Senior Legal Expert on international law at Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He represented Thailand in the meeting of UNCITRAL Working Group III (ISDS reform) in January 2020. He also holds the position of member of the Expert Committee of various organizations such as International Advisory Board of CUTs International, Committee on Children's rights of the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, Committee on Legal affairs of the Board of Investment, Foreign Affairs Committee of the Office of Trade Competition Commission, Academic and Research Committee of the Thailand Institute of Justice and Committee on the Executive Course on Thailand and ASEAN in the Global Political Economy of the College of Politics and Governance, King Prajadhipok's Institute. He still teaches occasionally at the Faculty of Law of Chulalongkorn University.

¹ ITD was established under a Cooperation Agreement between the Royal Thai Government and UNCTAD during the Tenth Session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD X) held in Bangkok in February 2000. It is a center of excellence in training and research in the fields of international trade, finance, investment and development in order to serve the needs of public and private sectors in the Asian region and sub-region. ITD aims also to foster the cooperation on trade, finance, investment and development between countries in the region and sub-region through collaborative research projects and to collaborate with UNCTAD and other international organizations to disseminate knowledge gained to developing countries in the region and sub-region.

DATE - PLACE OF BIRTH : August 17, 1958, Bangkok, Thailand

NATIONALITY : Thai

GENDER : Male

LANGUAGES : Thai (Native)/English (Fluent)/French (Fluent)

EDUCATION :

- Docteur en Droit (Droit international) (Doctorat de l'Université Robert-Schuman de Strasbourg ², France) (Doctorat nouveau régime) (Mention Très Honorable), 1991 (Sujet de thèse : Les investissements étrangers dans les pays des l'ASEAN)
- D.E.A. (Diplôme d'études approfondies) : Droit international, Faculté de Droit, de Sciences Politiques et de Gestion, Université Robert-Schuman de Strasbourg, France, 1983
- Bachelor of law, Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, 1980

CURRENT POSITIONS :

- Advisor to the National Security Council - Thailand
- Senior Legal Expert on international law at the Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Member of the International Advisory Board of CUTs International
- Secretary General of the International Law Association of Thailand
- Member of the Committee on Children's rights of the Department of Children and Youth Affairs
- Member of the Committee on Legal affairs of the Board of Investment
- Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Office of Trade Competition Commission
- Member of the Academic and Research Committee of the Thailand Institute of Justice
- Member of the Committee on the Executive Course on Thailand and ASEAN in the Global Political Economy of the College of Politics and Governance, King Prajadhipok's Institute.

² On 1 January 2009, Robert Schuman University became part of the refounded University of Strasbourg

WORK EXPERIENCE :

- Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
- Executive Director of Child Rights ASIANET (A Regional Centre on Child Rights for Asia and the Pacific)
- Vice President for Research Affairs and Director of Master Program on Business Law, Eastern Asia University
- Deputy Executive Director, Knowledge Network Institute of Thailand, Ministry of Education
- Director of the Institute of good governance for universities, Ministry of Education
- Executive Director, International Institute for Trade and Development (ITD) (Public organization)
- Associate Judge, The Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court, Thailand
- Member of the Independent National Rule of Law Commission (NRLC)
- Member of the Committee on Economics, Commerce and Industrial Group of the Senate
- Member of the Joint-Committee on WTO of the Thai Chamber of Commerce, the Thai Industries Association and the Thai Bankers' Association
- Member of the Sub-committee on trade in services, the Thai Chamber of Commerce
- Member of the Sub-committee on Free Trade Agreement (FTA), the Thai Chamber of Commerce

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS :

- The situation of children in Thailand, in: Rights of the Child : Report for a Training Programme in Asia, International Commission of Jurists, Geneva, 1993, pp. 270-273 (English)
- Thai laws on Children, a research undertaken for the Office of the Council of State - Thailand, 1995 (Thai)
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- Education for disadvantaged children, a research undertaken for the Office of the Board of Education, 1998 (Thai)
- Promotion and Protection of Children's Rights under the Convention on the Rights of the Child (English), in: Chulalongkorn Law Journal, October 2000
- Statelessness and International Solidarity in: Chulalongkorn Law Review, October 2000 (Thai)

- Protection of Children's Rights and the Worst Forms of Child Labor, in: Chulalongkorn Law Review, October 2000 (Thai)
- EU Investment in Thailand: A Study of the Regulatory Framework and of its Economic Importance, Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlag, 2000 (English)
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- New legal measures for investment promotion in Thailand, a research undertaken for the Office of the Board of Investment, 2003 (Thai)
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ANNEX II

No.166/2020/SGE/AALCO

24 September 2020

Sub: Nomination for the post of Secretary-General

The Secretariat of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) presents its compliments to the Embassies/High Commissions of the Member States of AALCO in New Delhi, and with reference to its Notes Verbales No.81/2020/SS/AALCO and No.106/2020/SS/AALCO of 21 April 2020 and 1 June 2020 concerning the nomination of candidates for the post of Secretary-General, has the honour to inform the latter that the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic has nominated **Mr. Ammar Bilal** for the position of the Secretary-General of AALCO.

The Curriculum Vitae (CV) of Mr. Ammar Bilal is attached hereto for the perusal of the Member States.

It shall be highly appreciated if this information could be transmitted to the concerned Ministry in charge of AALCO affairs at the earliest for their information.

The Secretariat of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) avails itself of this opportunity to reiterate to the Embassies/High Commissions of Member States of AALCO in New Delhi the assurances of its highest consideration.

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2. CV of Mr. Ammar Bilal (2 pages)

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Ref No: 337

22nd September, 2020

The Embassy of Syrian Arab Republic in New Delhi presents its compliments to the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO), and refer to our Note verbal No: 336 dated September 21, 2020 and your Note verbal No: 106/2020/SS/AALCO dated 1st June 2020, and has the honor to affirm the nomination of the Syrian Judge: Ammar Bilal for the position of the Secretary General of AALCO.

Your support will be highly appreciated.

The Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Ref No: 336

21st September, 2020

The Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic in New Delhi presents its compliments to the Asian- African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) and refers to your Note verbal No: 83/2020/SS/AALCO dated 20/04/2020 and No: 82/2020/SEG/AALCO dated 21/04/2020 and No: 106/2020/SS/AALCO dated 01/06/2020 concerning the nomination of candidates for the position of the Secretary- General for AALCO. The Embassy convey to AALCO that the Syrian Ministry of Justice nominates the Syrian Judge Ammar Bilal, a Counselor at the Legislation Directorate in the Ministry of Justice to the position of the Secretary- General of AALCO. Attached is the CV of Mr. Ammar Bilal:

- Name: Ammar Bilal
- Graduated at Faculty of Law in 1995.
- 1996-1998 trained lawyer
- 1998 license as Lawyer
- Military Judge till 2000
- 2003 Lawyer trainer
- 2006 Member of Lawyer Syndicate in Damascus till 2012.
- 2010 trainer of trainees on Legal formation.
- 2012 Judge advocate in Sweida Justice District
- 2012- 2016 Ministry of Justice.
- Specialized in crimes of terrorism.
- Member of the National Committee for the Application of Chemical Weapons Ban Agreement.
- 2020 Chief of office of experts in Syria.

The Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic in New Delhi avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Asian- African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) the assurances of its highest consideration.

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ANNEX III

SECRETARIAT'S DRAFT
AALCO/ DFT/RES/59/ORG 4
29 NOVEMBER 2021

APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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

Having Considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/59/HONG KONG/2021/ORG 4,

Recalling the resolution on the Appointment of the Secretary-General (RES/55/ORG 4, 16 May 2016), adopted at the Fifty-Fifth Annual Session of AALCO,

Taking note of the entire process of the Appointment of the Secretary-General during the Fifty-Ninth Annual Session,

Emphasizing that the Annual Session of the AALCO which has on its agenda the appointment/election of the Secretary-General, has to be held in advance of the completion of the tenure of the outgoing Secretary-General⁶,

1. **Confirms** the appointment of ----- as the Secretary-General of AALCO for a term of four years; and
2. **Affirms** that ----- will assume his/her functions as the Secretary-General in his full capacity as from -----.

⁶ Due to circumstances beyond control the current Annual Session is being held after the tenure of the current Secretary-General

ANNEX IV

SECRETARIAT'S DRAFT
AALCO/RES/DFT/59/ORG 4A
29 NOVEMBER 2021

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE TO THE OUTGOING SECRETARY-GENERAL

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

Taking note of the completion of tenure of H.E. Prof. Dr. Kennedy Gastorn as the Secretary-General of AALCO,

Acknowledges with appreciation the significant contribution made by H.E. Prof. Dr. Kennedy Gastorn during his tenure as the Secretary-General in enhancing the image, role and activities of the Organization, in rationalizing its work programme, and the management of its budget, as well as in steering efficiently and effectively the activities of the organization, and

Expresses gratitude for the valuable services rendered by H.E. Prof. Dr. Kennedy Gastorn during his tenure of four years and the time beyond as acting Secretary-General.