



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE SECRETARIAT OF THE ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE  
ORGANIZATION  
AND  
THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW OF WUHAN UNIVERSITY OF  
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

The Secretariat of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization at New Delhi, India (hereinafter referred to as the "AALCO Secretariat") and the Institute of International Law of Wuhan University of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as "the Institute");

*Considering* that the AALCO was established to serve as an advisory body to its Member States in the field of international law and provide a forum for cooperation in legal matters of common concern, as well as to establish cooperative arrangements with the United Nations, its Agencies and other International Organizations or bodies with a view to promoting such cooperation in the field of international law in the Asian and African regions and that the AALCO Secretariat is entrusted with the responsibility of establishing such cooperative arrangements;

*Also Considering* that the Institute is one of the globally renowned institutions in the field of international law with a purpose to promote academic exchanges among legal communities across the globe and encourage research on major international issues.

*Convinced* that the development and strengthening of their cooperation in matters of common interest would be of mutual benefit to both Organizations, and bring about better coordination and effective implementation of their respective objectives;

*Have agreed as follows:*

**Article I**

**Objectives and Representation**

1. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MoU") is to provide a framework between the AALCO Secretariat and the Institute to promote cooperation in matters of common interest relating to their purposes and functions, and particularly in the interest of AALCO Member States.



2. The AALCO Secretariat and the Institute shall extend mutual invitation to participate, as an observer, in their respective meetings on matters of particular concern to them.

## **Article II**

### **Exchange of Information**

1. Subject to their respective policies and rules regarding disclosure of information and within the framework of this MoU, the AALCO Secretariat and the Institute agree to exchange relevant information and documents, including survey and study results, position papers, policy reports and reports of important meeting and seminars.
2. The AALCO Secretariat and the Institute shall also keep each other informed of current and planned activities of mutual interest for the purpose of identifying areas in which cooperation between them may prove desirable.

## **Article III**

### **Technical Cooperation**

1. In pursuing their respective objectives, the AALCO Secretariat and the Institute would sought each other's technical cooperation as appropriate to assist in the development and implementation of such activities which would include mainly areas such as:

- Exploring the feasibility of cooperation on legal matters of common concern;
- Conducting training programmes jointly in international law, particularly for young diplomats, government officials, academic scholars and in-house research Staff.

These areas could be extended by mutual consent when it deemed necessary.

2. Wherever appropriate, the AALCO Secretariat and the Institute may carry out joint studies and cooperate in the implementation of specific programmes or projects, relating to matters of common concern; conduct periodically, seminars, workshops and training programmes on areas of common interest and for the realization of their shared objectives; and any other areas of cooperation that may be deemed necessary.
3. Wherever convenient, the AALCO Secretariat may consider providing internship opportunities to graduate students of the Institute and the Institute may consider providing research opportunities to the Staff of the AALCO Secretariat, subject to further consultations regarding the details.



#### **Article IV**

##### **Financial implications**

1. Any minor and ordinary expenditure relating to the implementation of this MoU shall be borne by the respective parties to the MoU.
2. If the cooperation proposed by one of the Parties to the other in accordance with this MoU entails expenditure beyond minor and ordinary expenditures, consultations shall be held between the Secretary-General of the AALCO and the Director of the Institute to determine the availability of resources required, the most equitable way of meeting such expenditure and, if resources are not readily available, the most appropriate ways to obtain the necessary resources.

#### **Article V**

##### **Implementation of the MoU**

The Secretary-General of the AALCO and the Director of the Institute may enter into supplementary arrangements for the implementation of this MoU by exchange of letters that would become part of this MoU.

#### **Article VI**

##### **Modification of the MoU**

The present MoU may be modified by mutual consent in writing.

#### **Article VII**

##### **Termination of the MoU**

Either Party may terminate this MoU, subject to six month's written notice. If one of the Parties decides to terminate this MoU the obligations previously entered into through projects being implemented under this MoU shall not be affected thereby.

#### **Article VIII**

##### **Entry into Force**

This MoU shall enter into force upon signatures by the Secretary-General of the AALCO and the Director of the Institute.

IN WITNESS THEREOF the undersigned, Secretary-General of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization and the Director of the Institute of International Law of Wuhan



University of the People's Republic of China, respectively, sign the present Memorandum of Understanding.

Done in duplicate originally in English in Wuhan, People's Republic of China, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2009. Both originals are equally authentic.

For the Secretariat of the  
Asian-African Legal Consultative  
Organization

Rahmat bin Mohamad  
Secretary-General

For the Institute of International  
Law of Wuhan University of  
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