

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION
AND
THE XIAMEN ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

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

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 with a view to promoting such cooperation in the field of international law in the Asian and African regions;

Also Considering that the Xiamen Academy is an international institution and was established *inter alia* to provide highest level education to individuals who are interested in the development and use of international law, such as young lecturers in international law, diplomats, practitioners of law, government officials in charge of foreign affairs, and officials in international organizations who already have a background in international law;

Realizing that the mission of the Academy is to promote academic exchanges among legal communities across the globe, encourage examination of major international issues, and by so doing seek ways to improve the possibilities for world peace and international cooperation; and

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 and the Xiamen Academy 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 and the Xiamen Academy 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 and the Xiamen Academy 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 and the Xiamen Academy 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 and the Xiamen Academy 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 and the Xiamen Academy 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.

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 Secretary-General of the Xiamen Academy 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 Secretary-General of the Xiamen Academy 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 Secretary-General of the Xiamen Academy.

Done in duplicate originally in English on Monday this 6 July 2009 at Xiamen, People's Republic of China. Both originals are equally authentic.

For the Asian-African Legal
Consultative Organization



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