

**NEW DELHI DECLARATION ON THE
COMMEMORATION OF THE
THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF AALCO**

1. We, the Heads of Delegations of the Member States of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization have assembled at the Fifty-Fifth Annual Session of AALCO held in New Delhi (Headquarters), India from 17 to 20 May 2016 coinciding with the 60th anniversary of the Organization, wish to reaffirm our commitment towards further strengthening the Organization to enable it to contribute effectively in harmonizing the actions of Member States in international legal matters bearing in mind the functions and purposes of AALCO as stipulated in its statutes.
2. We recall the resolution AALCO/RES/48/DEC titled *Putrajaya Declaration on Revitalizing and Strengthening the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization*, adopted by the Forty-Eighth Annual Session on 20 August 2009 at Putrajaya, Malaysia, and the resolution AALCO/RES/54/XX titled Half-day Special Event to Commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Bandung Conference, adopted by the Fifty-Fourth Annual Session on 17 April 2015 at Beijing, People's Republic of China.
3. We recognize the historical importance of the Bandung Conference held in 1955 in establishing AALCO as a legal consultative body to advise Member States of Asia and Africa on international legal issues of common concern and as a forum to deliberate on these issues.
4. We also recognize that AALCO exists as an embodiment of the Spirit of Bandung hinging on Asian-African solidarity, friendship and cooperation and acknowledge the continued relevance of the Ten Principles of Bandung to the conduct of inter-state relations in the contemporary era.
5. We appreciate the stellar role played by the Organization in the past six decades in codification and progressive development of international law and in ensuring that the Asian-African voices are heard in the United Nations and other international fora.
6. We warmly welcome the countries in Asia and Africa which are not members of AALCO to consider joining the Organization to strengthen our voices in international law making fora.
7. We also welcome countries and international organizations from other regions of the world to come into close cooperation with AALCO appropriately.
8. We emphasize that a stronger AALCO will provide a robust forum for the codification and progressive development of international law reflecting the views of Asian and African countries and promote legal cooperation among the Member States.

9. We realize the continued relevance of Our Organization in the fast changing world order. We pledge ourselves to provide AALCO with all forms of support as appropriate, in particular financial, to ensure that the Organization can effectively fulfill its goals and mandates.