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Preamble

The Secretariat of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization at New Delhi, India (hereinafter referred to as the “AALCO Secretariat”) and Rashtriya Raksha University in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, the Republic of India (hereinafter referred to as “RRU”):

Considering that AALCO serves as an advisory body to its Member States in the field of international law and to 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, universities, research institutes and other entities with a view to promoting such cooperation in the field of international law in the Asian and African regions;

Also Considering that the RRU is a Premier Center of Knowledge *inter alia* in the field of national security and international law with a purpose to promote academic exchanges among legal communities across the globe and encourage research on major international legal and security 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 “MoU”) is to provide a framework of cooperation between the AALCO Secretariat and the RRU (hereinafter referred to as “Parties”) in matters of common interest relating to their purpose and functions, and particularly in the interest of AALCO Member States.

2. The Parties may extend mutual invitations 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 Parties will exchange relevant information and documents, conduct and issue joint research and publications in matters of international law and academic issues of concern to Member States of AALCO and of interest to the RRU.
2. The Parties will also keep each other informed of current and planned activities of mutual interest for identifying areas in which cooperation between them may prove mutually beneficial.

Article III

Technical Cooperation

1. In pursuing their respective objectives, the Parties will seek each other's technical cooperation as appropriate to assist in developing and conducting activities and events of mutual interest, including the following:
 - Exploring the feasibility of cooperation on international legal matters of common concern; and
 - Conducting training, joint research and capacity building programmes in international law, particularly for young diplomats, government officials, academic scholars, students and in-house legal staff.
 - Rashtriya Raksha University will make provisions to share relevant facilities in order to promote academic and research interaction in the areas of co-operation.
 - Either of the parties, based on mutual agreement, may depute its personnel as visiting faculty to give lectures and/or presentations or participate in research projects on any relevant subject as appropriate.
 - Visit by **research scholars and faculty** of Rashtriya Raksha University to AALCO and vice versa, for guest lectures, expert advice etc. on mutually agreeable terms and conditions.

The above areas may be extended by mutual consent where necessary.

2. Wherever appropriate, the Parties may carry out joint studies and cooperate in the implementation of specific programmes or projects relating to matters of common concern, conduct seminars, workshops and training programmes in areas deemed necessary.
3. Wherever suitable, the AALCO Secretariat may consider providing internship opportunities to students of the RRU, and the RRU may consider providing research opportunities to 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 will be borne by the respective Parties.
2. If the activity proposed by one of the Parties to the other in accordance with this MoU entails expenditure beyond minor and ordinary expenditures, consultations will be held between the Secretary-General of AALCO and the Vice-Chancellor of the RRU 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 AALCO and the Vice-Chancellor of the RRU may enter into supplementary arrangements for the implementation of this MoU in writing.

Article VI Entry into effect, duration and termination

1. This MoU will enter into effect on the date of signing by the Secretary-General of AALCO and the Vice-Chancellor of the RRU. Thereafter, it will remain in effect for a period of three (3) years from the date of the entry into effect. This MoU will be automatically renewed for another period of three years afterwards unless terminated by either party giving six (6) months written notice to the other party before the expiration date.

2. Unless otherwise decided by the Parties in writing, the termination of this MoU will not affect the implementation of any cooperative activities undertaken under the MoU and not yet completed at the time of its termination.

Article VII

Intellectual Property Rights & Publications

The rights in any intellectual property emerging out of the collaborative program to be carried out under this MoU, will be jointly owned by the AALCO and RRU. Further, the intellectual property rights that arise because of any collaborative research or activity under this MoU will be worked out on a case-by-case basis and will be consistent with the officially laid down IPR policies of both the parties.

Article VIII

Modification

This MoU may be modified by written mutual consent of the Parties. Such modification will enter into effect pursuant to conditions described in Article VI.

Article IX

Settlement of Disputes

Any difference or dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation, implementation or application of this MoU will be settled amicably through mutual consultation and/or negotiations between the Parties.

Article X

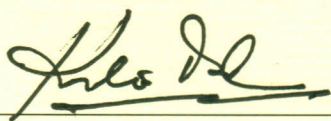
Single Point of Contact

Both parties will appoint Points of Contact for implementation of this MoU. RRU Centre for International Law for the Rashtriya Raksha University and The Centre for Research and Training for AALCO will be the single point of contact for implementation of the MoU.

IN WITNESS THEREOF the undersigned, the Secretary-General of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization and the Vice-Chancellor of the Rashtriya Raksha University respectively sign the present Memorandum of Understanding.

Done in duplicate in English, on this 12th day of May 2022. Both originals are equally authentic.

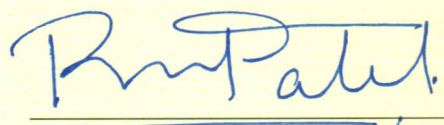
**For the Secretariat of the
Asian-African Legal Consultative
Organization**



**Dr. Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol
Secretary-General**

Date: 12/05/2022

For Rashtriya Raksha University



**Prof. (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel
Vice-Chancellor**

Date: 12/05/2022.