

**RESOLUTION ON THE SPECIAL MEETING ON  
“TRANSNATIONAL MIGRATION: TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND  
SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS”**

*The Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization at its Forty-Eighth session,*

**Having considered** the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/48/PUTRAJAYA/2009/S 8;

**Having heard** with appreciation the views expressed by the Chairperson and the Panelists and the statements of the Member States during the Special Meeting on “Transnational Migration: Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants” jointly organized by the Government of Malaysia and the AALCO on 19 August 2009 at Putrajaya, Malaysia;

**Being mindful of** the increasing number of individuals being exploited through trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants, including from the Asian-African region;

**Recalling** the significance of migration-related issues for all countries, in particular the Asian-African countries;

**Convinced** of the need to eliminate all forms of trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants, bearing in mind the overlapping nature between trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants, which are flagrant violations of human rights;

**Taking note** of the continuing efforts of Member States in combating trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants, and encouraging them to inform and update the Secretariat of pertinent developments in their respective States, in order to share experiences amongst Member States;

**Realizing** the urgent need to further strengthen measures adopted nationally, regionally and internationally to protect innocent victims of trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants;

**Being aware** of the on-going work on a model legislation as mandated by the Forty-Third Annual Session of AALCO held in Bali, Republic of Indonesia in 2004 by the AALCO Secretariat;

**Acknowledging** with appreciation that some Member States have submitted to the AALCO Secretariat their national legislation and other relevant information related to the topic, and calling upon other Member States to do the same;

1. **Encourages** Member States which are not yet party to consider ratifying/acceding to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children and Protocol Against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, adopted in 2000;
2. **Also encourages** Member States to consider holding regional and intra-regional meetings in order to coordinate efforts to combat these offences;
3. **Further encourages** Member States to address this issue from a human rights perspective, with emphasis on protecting and assisting the victims of trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants;
4. **Directs** the Secretariat to monitor and report on the developments in this regard, including the work undertaken by other fora;
5. **Mandates** the Secretary-General to constitute an open-ended Committee of Experts to conduct a study on ways and means to enhance mutual legal assistance in criminal matters among Member States for their further consideration;
6. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda of its Forty-Ninth Annual Session.