

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT  
AND  
THE ASIAN-"AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

The Commonwealth Secretariat and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (hereinafter referred to as the AALCC)

Considering that one of the aims of the Commonwealth Secretariat is to foster and facilitate co-operation among Member States in their efforts to coordinate action in various fields including legal, economic, social and cultural fields;

Considering that AALCC has been established, inter alia to promote co-operation amongst its Member States and other International Agencies and Organisations, particularly in legal matters;

Bearing in mind that several States are members both of the AALCC and of the Commonwealth;

Desirous to achieve greater co-ordination of their efforts in achieving their common objectives within the framework of their respective organisations

**HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS**

**Article 1**

**Areas of Co-operation and Consultation**

Within the context of their mandates and operational guidelines the Commonwealth Secretariat and the AALCC shall maintain close co-operation in respect of promoting their shared objectives and consult each other on legal and other matters of common interest.

**Article 2**

**Exchange of Information and Documentation**

Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for safeguarding confidential information, the Secretariats of the Commonwealth and the AALCC shall exchange appropriate information and documents relating to issues of common interest.

**Article 3**

**Reciprocal Representation**

Appropriate steps shall be taken to facilitate mutual participation at the technical professional meetings held under their respective auspices which are to consider issues of common interest, and where appropriate, to arrange joint meetings to consider such topics.

**Article 4**

**Mutual Assistance**

The Commonwealth Secretariat and the AALCC shall extend to each other such assistance in respect of their work and activities as may be appropriate with a view to a more enhanced cooperation and to avoid duplication on matters of common interest. In addition, they shall communicate to each other such information as may be appropriate concerning any special project or activity.

**Article 5**

**Expenditure**

When the co-operation proposed in accordance with this Memorandum entails specific additional expenditure, consultation shall be held between the Commonwealth Secretariat and the AALCC to determine how such additional expenditure should be financed.

**Article 6****Entry into Force**

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective on the date of its signature by the duly authorised representatives of the Commonwealth Secretariat and of the AALCC.

**Article 7****Implementation**

The Commonwealth Secretariat and the Secretariat of the AALCC shall consult with each other upon questions arising out of this Agreement and may make supplementary administrative arrangements for its implementation as may appear desirable in the light of circumstances and experience.

**Article 8****Revision**

The terms of this Memorandum of Understanding may be amended with the consent of both parties.

**Article 9****Termination**

Either of the parties may terminate this Agreement by giving six month's written notice to the other party.

Done in duplicate in the English language.

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