

Exchange of Letters between the then Secretary General of IMO and the then Secretary General of AALCO on Matters Relating to Co-operation between IMO and the AALCO, 11 December 1985

Dear Secretary-General,

I have the honour to inform you that the Assembly of the International Maritime Organization has endorsed the decision of the Council of the Organization authorizing the conclusion of an Agreement to promote co-operation and collaboration between the International Maritime Organization (hereinafter referred to as "IMO") and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (hereinafter referred to as "AALCC") in matters of mutual interest.

In accordance with this authorization, I propose the following arrangements to serve as the basis for co-operation between IMO and AALCC:

1. The Secretary General of IMO and the Secretary General of AALCC will consult each other on matters of common interest to the two Organizations with a view to ensuring maximum co-ordination of the work and activities of the respective Organizations in respect of such matters.
2. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for safe-guarding confidential information, the Secretariat of IMO and the Secretariat of AALCC will exchange information and keep each other fully informed of projected activities and programmes of work in fields of common interest. Accordingly, when either Organization proposed to initiate a programme or activity on a subject in which the other has or may have a substantial interest, consultation will be initiated between the Secretariats with a view to harmonizing their efforts as far as possible, taking into account their respective responsibilities and any decisions or wishes of the appropriate governing bodies of the respective Organization.
3. The Secretariat of IMO will invite the Secretariat of AALCC to send representatives to meetings or conferences convened by or under the auspices of IMO to consider matters in which AALCC has an interest in accordance with procedures applicable to each meeting or conference. The Secretariat of AALCC will invite the Secretariat of IMO to send observers to meetings or conferences convened by or under the auspices of AALCC to consider matters in which IMO has an interest, in accordance with the procedures applicable to each meeting or conference.
4. The Secretariat of IMO and AALCC may consult, where appropriate, on the use of personnel, material, services, equipment and facilities for joint undertakings which may be agreed between them in fields of common interest to IMO and AALCC.
5. These arrangements shall be subject to revision by agreement between the Secretary-General of IMO and the Secretary General of AALCC.
6. The Secretary General of IMO and the Secretary General of AALCC may terminate this arrangement by giving six months written notice to the other party.

I should be grateful if you would indicate whether these arrangements are acceptable to you as the basis of co-operation between IMO and AALCC. It is my understanding that this letter and your reply thereto will together constitute the Agreement of Co-operation between the International Maritime Organization and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee.

Yours sincerely,
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