

VIOLENT EXTREMISM & TERRORISM (LEGAL ASPECTS)

The Asian- African Legal Consultative Organization at its Fifty-Fourth Session,

Having considered the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/54/BEIJING/2015/SD/S9 prepared by AALCO Secretariat,

Noting with appreciation the introductory remarks of the Deputy Secretary-General and the statements of the Member States during deliberations on “Violent Extremism & Terrorism (Legal Aspects)”,

Gravely concerned over the threats posed by acts of violence perpetrated by violent extremist and terrorist groups and desiring to put an end to such threats,

Reaffirming that violent extremism and terrorism constitute a serious common concern for all Member States, threatening the security and well-being of their societies, and convinced that there is no justification for violent extremism, whatever the motivation,

Reiterating the relevant international instruments, where applicable, the UNGA resolution 68/127 entitled “World Against Violent Extremism” (WAVE) and the efforts to prevent, combat and eliminate violent extremism and its manifestations,

Expressing concern about the upsurge in acts of violent extremism and terrorism in the Asian - African regions, which threaten the life and security of innocent people and impede the economic development and scientific activities of the concerned States,

Strongly condemning any advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence,

Recognizing the need for the collective response to the dilemma of violent extremism and terrorism,

Recalling that international efforts to eliminate violent extremism and terrorism, and reaffirming the need to strengthen those efforts in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, taking into account the principles of international law including non-interference, respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states,

Desirous of fulfilling the mandate of its resolution RES/53/SP2 of 18 September 2014 on “Violent Extremism and Terrorism (Legal Aspects)” and RES/53/S7 of 18 September 2014 on “International Terrorism”,

1. **Encourages** Member States to consider ratifying/acceding to the relevant conventions on terrorism and try to further develop legal instruments to combat violent extremism and terrorism;
2. **Urges** for action on international, regional and bilateral levels to fight impunity against acts of violent extremism and terrorism, *inter alia*, by adopting and implementing relevant national legislation, bilateral and multilateral instruments;
3. **Directs** the Secretariat to coordinate holding inter-sessional expert meetings, joined also by eminent international legal experts from AALCO Member States, in order to consider AALCO legal principles to combat violent extremism and its manifestations which could lead to drafting Asian-African guidelines on violent extremism and its manifestations in order to strengthen cooperation against acts of violent extremism and its manifestations; and
4. **Decides** to place the item on the provisional agenda of its Fifty-Fifth Annual Session.