

**INTERNATIONAL LAW IN CYBERSPACE**

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

**Having considered** the Secretariat Document No. AALCO/54/BEIJING/2015/SD/S17 prepared by the AALCO Secretariat,

**Noting with appreciation** the introductory statement of the Deputy Secretary-General,

**Recognizing** the significance of cyberspace as an integral part of human interaction and its profound impact on Member States and its citizens,

**Realizing** the need to develop a transparent and balanced global mechanism for the governance of the Internet in pursuance of equity and bridging the “digital divide” existing among States,

**Recognizing** the need to prevent the use of ICTs for purposes that are inconsistent with the objectives of maintaining international stability and security,

**Deeply concerned** about new threats and challenges in the development and application of ICTs such as cybercrimes and the use of cyberspace for terrorist purposes,

**Noting with concern** the use of cyberspace for military purposes and the escalation in various kinds of cyber attacks perpetrated by state and non-state actors,

**Stressing** the significance of the principles of international law applicable to cyberspace, including the UN Charter,

**Also stressing** the need for further development of rules of international law on cyberspace,

1. **Encourages** Member States to actively participate in the relevant regional and global forums deliberating on the governance of cyberspace and to strengthen their communication and cooperation in this issue;
2. **Directs** the Secretariat to study this subject based on deliberation and progress made in the UN framework and other forums, with special attention to international law pertaining to State Sovereignty in cyberspace, peaceful use of cyberspace, rules of international cooperation in combating cybercrimes, and identification of the relevant provisions of the UN Charter and other international instruments related to cyberspace;

3. **Decides** to establish an open-ended working group on international law in cyberspace to further discuss on the issues identified in paragraph 2 of this Resolution through meetings or workshops to be cosponsored with Governments of the Member States or relevant international organizations; and
4. **Decides** to place the item on the Provisional Agenda of the Fifty-Fifth Annual Session.