HALF-DAY SPECIAL EVENT TO COMMEMORATE THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF BANDUNG CONFERENCE

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

Noting with appreciation the statements made by ministers, vice-ministers and other high level officials as well as delegates of member states during the Half-Day Special Event jointly organized by the Government of People's Republic of China and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization on 13th April 2015 at Beijing, China, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the 1955 Asian-African Conference at Bandung, Indonesia,

Recognizing the historical importance of the Bandung Conference, which aimed to promote economic and cultural cooperation, bring to an end colonialism, as well as secure world peace and development, and also recognizing that the Organization was a tangible outcome from Bandung Conference,

Noting with satisfaction that in the past six decades, the Spirit of Bandung, the core principles of which are solidarity, friendship and cooperation, has been a relevant, effective and solid foundation for fostering stronger relations among Asian-African countries with different political, economic or legal systems, and in this process the two regions are inextricably interlinked, sharing an Asian-African identity,

Expressing its appreciation for the strong commitment of member states to enabling the Organization to contribute effectively in harmonizing the actions of member states in international legal matters,

Concerned that Asian-African countries, faced with various security and socio-economic development challenges in a world of rapid change, are in dire need of collective action and closer cooperation in addressing the advocacy and representation deficit in international rule-making processes to meet these challenges and threats,

Recalling its resolution AALCO/RES/48/DEC, entitled *Putrajaya Declaration on Revitalizing and Strengthening the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization*, adopted by the Forty-Eighth Session on 20 August 2009 at Putrajaya, Malaysia,

Recognizing the Organization's significant contribution towards strengthening Asian-African solidarity envisioned at Bandung Conference, particularly in the codification and progressive development of international law,

1. **Reaffirms** the Organization's commitment to the Spirit of Bandung, which continues to guide the Organization's work;

- 2. **Reiterates** the common conviction that the Ten Principles enshrined in the Final Communiqué of the Bandung Conferences, which incorporated the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence and has been widely accepted as reflecting basic principles of international law, remain as guidance in resolving global issues of common concern as well as developing inter-state relations among Asian-African countries;
- 3. **Emphasizes** the importance of multilateral approaches to international relations and the need to support and strengthen multilateralism, especially through upholding the central role of the United Nations in maintaining international peace and security and safeguarding economic and social stability and sustainable development, in order to address global issues and challenges in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;
- 4. **Confirms** the Organization's role in facilitating Asian-African countries in developing and advocating common position on international legal issues and positions, with the aim to promote the rule of law which safeguards the inherent rights of and responds to the legitimate concerns of developing countries, including equitable sharing of the benefits of globalization;
- 5. Calls upon all Member States to strengthen their solidarity, cooperation and coordination among themselves in international legal matters, through reinvigorating the Ten Principles of Bandung Conference and strengthening the rule of law at the international level envisaging an international relations beneficial to all of them through cooperation and building a just, equitable and inclusive world order; and
- 6. **Expresses** its deep appreciation and gratitude to the Government of People's Republic of China for co-organizing this special commemorative event on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of Bandung Conference.