

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON ORGANIZATIONAL,  
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

**Recalling** the functions and purposes of the Organization as stipulated in Article 1 of the Statutes of AALCO;

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary-General on Organizational, Administrative and Financial Matters pursuant to Rule 20 (7) of Statutory Rules as contained in Document No. AALCO/50/COLOMBO/2011/ORG 1;

**Having heard** with appreciation the introductory statement of the Secretary-General on the Report of the Secretary-General on Organizational, Administrative and Financial Matters;

**Also having heard** with keen interest and appreciation the statements of the Heads of Delegations of AALCO Member States on the Report of the Secretary-General;

**Appreciating** the efforts of the Secretary-General to enhance the activities of the Organization and to implement its work programme as approved at its Forty-Ninth Annual Session held in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, from 5 to 8 August 2010;

**Also appreciating** the continued practice towards the rationalization of its work programme, including consideration of the agenda items during its annual sessions;

**Taking note** of the Putrajaya Declaration on Revitalizing and Strengthening the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization; and the Action Plan as explained in Document No. AALCO/ES (NEW DELHI)/2008/ORG.1 adopted by the Extraordinary Session of AALCO Member States held on 1 December 2008, in New Delhi (Headquarters), India;

**Welcoming** the efforts by the Secretary-General for Revitalizing and Strengthening the AALCO;

**Appreciating** the Report of the Chairman of the AALCO Eminent Persons Group (EPG);

**Taking note** of the Preliminary Report of the Sub-Committee of Liaison Officers of AALCO Member States on the AALCO Secretariat's Human Resources and Financial Matters;

**Also taking note** of the proposal of the Secretary-General to establish an AALCO Foundation;

**Noting with satisfaction** the increased co-operation between the Organization and the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies, other international organizations and academic institutions:

1. **Approves** the work programme of the Organization as set out in the Report of the Secretary-General and urges Member States to extend their full support to the implementation of that programme.
2. **Requests** the Secretary-General to continue his efforts and explore the ways and means to enlarge the Membership of the Organization in Asia and Africa, in particular, to increase the representation from the African States and Central Asian States.
3. **Also requests** the Secretary-General to initiate necessary measures to establish the AALCO Foundation taking into consideration the concerns expressed by the Member States.
4. **Endorses** the continuation of the AALCO-EPG and urges it to initiate the necessary follow-up action and present this Report at the Fifty-First Annual Session of the Organization.
5. **Encourages** the Member States to actively participate in the Sub-Committee of Liaison Officers of AALCO Member States on the AALCO Secretariat's Human Resources and Financial Matters so as to enable it to place the Report at the Fifty-First Session of the Organization.
6. **Also encourages** Member States to make voluntary contributions to support the capacity building activities under the approved work programme of the Organization, and
7. **Further requests** the Secretary-General to report on the activities of the Organization at its Fifty-First Annual Session.

**AALCO'S BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2012**

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**Having heard** with appreciation the introductory statement of the Secretary- General on the Proposed Budget for the Year 2012 as contained in Secretariat Document No. AALCO/50/COLOMBO/2011/ORG 2;

**Taking note** of the comments of the Member States on the Proposed Budget;

**Noting further** the Proposed Budget for the year 2012 was placed before the 309<sup>th</sup> and 310<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Liaison Officer's held on 30 March 2011 and 27 April 2011 respectively, in Headquarters, New Delhi; and adopted at the 311<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Liaison Officers held on 25 May 2011, and submitted to the Fiftieth Annual Session for final approval;

**Considering** that the Proposed Budget for the year 2012 is a realistic budget depending on the actual contributions received as urged by some Member States during the Forty-Ninth Annual Session of AALCO held in United Republic of Tanzania in 2010;

**Noting with** appreciation the part arrears paid by the Government of Iraq on the basis of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and by the Government of the Sudan and requesting other Member States in large arrears to follow suit;

**Expressing** deep concern over the financial crisis faced by AALCO and the need to take appropriate measures to overcome the financial crisis including the collection of arrears;

**Acknowledging** the immediate need to replenish the Reserve Fund of the Organization, with the objective of ensuring that it always has a six-month operational fund for the functioning of the Organization;

**Considering** all the above-mentioned reasons to place the Organization on a firm financial footing:

1. **Approves** the Budget for the year 2012 as proposed.
2. **Requests** Member States who have not paid their annual contribution for the year 2011, to do so at the earliest in order to ensure the effective functioning of the Organization.
3. **Encourages** Member States to make voluntary financial contribution in order to improve the financial situation of AALCO and to ensure that it has always a six-month operational fund.
4. **Strongly urges** Member States who are in arrears to fulfill their financial obligation and to expeditiously clear the same in accordance with the Statutes and Statutory Rules of AALCO.

5. **Mandates** the Secretary-General to explore ways and means of raising funds by additional sources in accordance with the Statutes and Statutory Rules of AALCO, and
6. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda of the Fifty-First Annual Session.

**REPORT ON THE CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING  
OF THE AALCO**

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

**Having considered** the Secretariat Report on the Centre for Research and Training (CRT) of the AALCO, contained in Document No. AALCO/50/COLOMBO/ 2011/ORG 4;

**Having heard** with appreciation the introductory remarks of the Deputy Secretary-General;

**Recognizing** the need and importance of the exchange of information among AALCO, its Member States, the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies, and other International Organizations for improved capacity-building and enhancement of legal expertise in areas of international law;

**Bearing in mind** the effective role of research and training in promoting the objectives of the Organization;

**Also bearing in mind** a more proactive role the CRT could play in furthering the mandate of the Organization in making the best use of the Headquarters which is equipped with modern technology and infrastructure facilities;

**Appreciating** the efforts of the Secretariat in preparing special studies on matters of common concern and its plan to hold training programmes in cooperation with International Organizations and to ensure financial support to these programmes;

**Also appreciating** the efforts of the CRT for organizing the Training Programme on International Humanitarian Law and Training Workshop on the World Trade Organization at the AALCO Headquarters in New Delhi:

1. **Requests** the Secretariat to maintain, update and improve the technical efficiency of the website for facilitating dissemination of information to the Member States, the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies, and other International Organizations.
2. **Also requests** the Secretary-General to foster capacity-building of the Centre to carry out further research projects on international law and to organize training programmes for the benefit of the officials of Member States handling international law issues.
3. **Urges** Member States to furnish information and other relevant materials, including the name and address of the focal point with e-mail and the website of the Ministry concerned and officials in charge of AALCO, in order to enhance the activities of the Centre for Research and Training (CRT).
4. **Also Urges** Member States to make voluntary contributions to the “Research and Training Fund” established vide RES/45/ORG 4 to promote and strengthen

Research and Training under the CRT, and to provide a sustainable financial base to the Centre to undertake its mandated activities.

5. **Directs** the Secretariat to take necessary measures to promote the awareness about the Centre so that the services available in the Centre would be made use of by the public and private sectors in the Member States.
6. **Also directs** the Secretariat to work towards the realization of its proposal for the training of officials of AALCO Member States.
7. **Requests** the Member States to provide the Secretariat with specific topics for conducting in-depth research studies, and
8. **Decides** to place this item on the provisional agenda of its Fifty-First Annual Session.