

KRUNGTHEP DECLARATION

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We, the Heads of Delegations of the Member States of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO), gathered in Bangkok, Thailand, from 9-13 September 2024 for the 62nd Annual Session of AALCO;

Recalling the foundational objectives of AALCO to serve as a consultative body for Asian and African States on matters of international law;

Recalling also the principles of solidarity, friendship, and cooperation enshrined in the Bandung Declaration (1955) as well as the Putrajaya Declaration on Revitalizing and Strengthening the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (2009) and the New Delhi Declaration on the Commemoration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of AALCO (2016);

Recognising the significant contributions of AALCO in shaping international legal norms and in advocating for the distinct perspectives and challenges of its Member States;

Acknowledging the evolving global landscape and the increasing importance of international cooperation in addressing complex transnational issues; and

Reaffirming our commitment to the functions and the purposes of AALCO, including the promotion of international law and the enhancement of the rule of law,

1. **Commit** to strengthening the role of AALCO as a platform for continued dialogue, enhanced cooperation, and collective action among its Member States, and in particular, encourage AALCO to organise regular training programmes and render technical advisory services to its Member States upon request in accordance with the Statutes and the Statutory Rules of AALCO;
2. **Urge** Member States to enhance such cooperation and collaboration in addressing global challenges through existing international legal fora, such as the 6th Committee of the United Nations General Assembly;
3. **Reiterate** our strong support for the dissemination and wider appreciation of international law, emphasising the critical role of Asian and African leadership and initiative in this endeavour;

4. **Support** efforts to ensure adequate representation and participation of Asian and African countries in international legal bodies and negotiations, advocating for a more inclusive and equitable international legal order;
5. **Encourage** the sharing of best practices and experiences among Member States to foster a deeper understanding and effective implementation of international legal standards and norms;
6. **Recognise** the importance of the engagement of youth, particularly on emerging international legal issues, such as climate change and cyberspace;
7. **Invite** Asian and African States, which are not members of AALCO, to consider participating in and accepting the AALCO Statutes and Statutory Rules.
