

MINUTES

11th General Assembly Meeting of the Asian Ombudsman Association (AOA)

Date: 5th November, 2009

Venue: Bangkok, Thailand

List of participants is attached.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Javed Sadiq Malik, President, Asian Ombudsman Association (AOA), welcomed all members and in particular the new members who had joined the General Assembly for the first time. He also thanked General Teeradej Meepien (Ret.), Chief Ombudsman, Thailand for the immaculate arrangements for the meeting. The President also highlighted the importance of the meeting underlining the activities being launched under the RETA project. Thereafter, the agenda of the meeting as proposed by the Board of Directors was taken up for discussion.

Agenda Item No.1

Approval of the revised Bye- Laws and Code of the Conduct of the AOA.

The President AOA briefed the members on the background of the need for reviewing the Bye-Laws and the Code of Conduct of Business of the Asian Ombudsman Association.

2. He informed the General Assembly that in the light of the proposals received from the members, a working paper was placed before the Board during its 10th annual meeting at Tehran, Iran.

3. The Board after deliberating upon the working paper recommended to the General Assembly that the proposed amendments in the Bye Laws and the Code of Conduct of the Association aimed at removing certain discrepancies and inconsistencies, be approved (annex A & B).

Decision:

The General Assembly unanimously approved the Board's recommendation to amend the Bye Laws and the Code of Conduct of the Association.

Resolution No 1 of 2009 as adopted is at annex-I.

Agenda Item No.2

Approval of resolution for membership of the AOA for the following applicants:

- i. Lok Ayukta (Ombudsman), U.P., India**
- ii. The Authorized Person of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights (Ombudsman); and**
- iii. The Banking Mohtasib (Ombudsman) Pakistan as Full Member**

The Office of Lok Ayukta, U.P, India, the Authorized Person of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights (Ombudsman) and the Banking Mohtasib (Ombudsman) Pakistan had applied for Full Membership of the Association.

2 The Board of Directors examined the membership applications in the light of Bye-Law 5(1) and Article I of the Code of Conduct of Business of the Association and found them eligible for full membership. It was recommended to the General Assembly to accept the membership applications of the Office of Lok Ayukta, U.P, India, the Authorized Person of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights and the Banking Mohtasib (Ombudsman) Pakistan for Full Membership of the AOA.

Decision:

The General Assembly unanimously approved the Board's recommendations on awarding Full Membership to the Lok Ayukta, U.P, India, the Authorized Person of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights and the Banking Mohtasib (Ombudsman) Pakistan

Resolution No.2 of 2009 as adopted is at annex-II.

Agenda Item No.3

Approval of Audit statements of the AOA accounts for the years 2007 and 2008.

The audited statements of AOA accounts and reports for the years 2007 & 2008, circulated in advance to the members were presented before the General Assembly, with the recommendation of the 10th and 11th meetings of the Board of Directors for their approval.

Decision:

The General Assembly approved the audited accounts for the years 2007 & 2008. Resolution No.3 so adopted is placed at annex-III.

Agenda Item No.4

Report of the Executive Committee on change in nomenclature and functions of the Office of the Ombudsman, Republic of Korea in the light of the new law/ rules under which the institution of the Anti Corruption and Civil Rights Commission, Republic of Korea was redesignated

The President informed the members that in 2008, the nomenclature and functions of the Office of the Ombudsman, Republic of Korea were changed and re-designated as the Anti Corruption and Civil Rights Commission, headed by a Chairman.

2. During the 10th meeting of the BoD in Tehran, the Standing Commissioner, Anti Corruption and Civil Rights Commission, Republic of Korea, briefed the Board about the change and intimated that the jurisdiction and purview of the institution had been widened without curtailing the powers that it was exercising previously as Ombudsman. Therefore, this change was to be taken in the spirit of Bye-Law 7(6) and the ACCRC should be considered as a successor of the previous institution.

3 While deliberating upon the issue, the Board agreed to the viewpoint of the Standing Commissioner, Anti Corruption and Civil Rights Commission, Republic of Korea. He was however, requested to forward the law/ rules under which the institution was redesignated. The Executive Committee of the Board comprising the President, the Vice President and the Secretary was tasked to examine the status of the Anti Corruption and Civil Rights Commission, Republic of Korea, in the light of the new law/ rules under which the institution was redesignated. It was also decided that a report of the Executive Committee will be placed before the General Assembly in its next session.

4 Accordingly, the report of the Executive Committee of the Board, unanimously concluded that change in functions and nomenclature of the office of the Ombudsman, Republic of Korea to Anti Corruption and Civil Rights Commission, Republic of Korea, did not affect its status/position as a member of the Asian Ombudsman Association.

Therefore, the Commission, as reconstituted and redesignated, qualified for continued membership as laid down in Bye-Law-5(1) of the Bye-Laws of the AOA.

5. The matter was placed before the General Assembly for information.

Agenda Item No.5

Vote of thanks to the Office of the Ombudsman, Thailand and his Excellency General Teeradej Meepien (Ret.), Chief Ombudsman, for hosting the 11th conference of the Asian Ombudsman Association.

While concluding the session of the General Assembly, the President thanked the participants for their interaction and valuable inputs during the meeting. On behalf of the members of the Association, he also expressed his sincere appreciation and gratitude to his Excellency General Teeradej Meepien (Ret.), Chief Ombudsman, the Ombudsmen, the deputies, the staff of the office and all ranks of the other departments of the Government of Thailand, for the immaculate arrangements for the meetings of the BoD and the General Assembly and the warm hospitality extended to the members during the official business and excursions.

Resolution No.4 of 2009 adopted by the General Assembly is placed at annex-IV.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS
11TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
5TH NOVEMBER, 2009 BANGKOK, THAILAND.

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| 1. | Mr. Mingjin Hao
Vice Minister,
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. | Full Member
(Representative) |
| 2. | Mr. Alan N. LAI,
Ombudsman of Hong Kong,
HONG KONG (CHINA). | Full Member |
| 3. | Mr. Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar
Lokayukt, Madhya Pradesh
INDIA. | Full Member |
| 4. | Mr. Justice N.K. Mehrotra,
Lok Ayukta, Uttar Pradesh,
INDIA | Full Member |
| 5. | Mr. Antonius Sujata, SH,
Chief Ombudsman,
INDONESIA | Full Member |
| 6. | Mr. Justice Mostafa Pour Mohmammadi,
President General Inspection,
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, | Full Member |
| 7. | Mr. Hideo Arai
Deputy Director General,
JAPAN. | Full Member
(Representative) |
| 8. | Mr. Jae-Oh Lee,
Chairman, (ACCRC)
REPUBLIC OF KOREA. | Full Member |
| 9. | Dr. Cheong U,
Commissioner Against Corruption,
MACAU (CHINA). | Full Member |
| 10. | Mr. Javed Sadiq Malik,
Wafaqi Mohtasib (Federal Ombudsman),
ISLAMABAD (Pakistan) | Full Member |

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| 11. | Mr. Asad Ashraf Malik,
Provincial Ombudsman Sindh,
KARACHI (Pakistan) | Full Member |
| 12. | Mr. Muhammad Rashid Khan
Ombudsman of Azad Jammu & Kashmir
PAKISTAN | Full Member |
| 13. | Mr. Muhammad Shoaib Suddle
Federal Tax Ombudsman,
ISLAMABAD. (Pakistan) | Full Member |
| 14. | Mr. Akber Ali Baloch,
Provincial Ombudsman Balochistan,
BALOCHISTAN. (Pakistan) | Full Member |
| 15. | Mr. Justice (Retd) S. Ali Aslam Jaffri,
Federal Insurance Ombudsman,
KARACHI. (Pakistan) | Full Member |
| 16. | Mr. Masur ur Rehman Khan,
Banking Mohtasib,
KARACHI. (Pakistan) | Full Member |
| 17. | Madam Merceditas N. Gutierrez,
National Ombudsman,
PHILIPPINES. | Full Member |
| 18. | General TEERADEJ MEEPIEN (Ret.),
Ombudsman,
THAILAND. | Full Member |
| 19 | Mrs. Sayera Rashidova,
Ombudsman
UZBEKISTAN. | Full Member |
| 20. | Mr. San Van Nguyen
Deputy Inspector General,
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC VIETNAM. | Full Member
(Representative) |
| 21 | Dr. Obeid Saad Shreim
Vice President,
REPUBLIC OF YEMEN | Full Member
(Representative) |

22. Ms. Elmira Suleymanova,
Commissioner for Human Rights of
Republic of Azerbaijan,
AZERBAIJAN Associate Member
23. Mr. Tursunvek Akun,
Ombudsman (Akyikatchy)
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC Associate Member
24. Mr. Rashit Vagizov,
Commissioner for Human Rights,
REPUBLIC OF TATARSTAN,
RUSSIA Associate Member

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mr. Junaid Iqbal Ch., Secretary, W. M. Secretariat, Pakistan.

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Abdur Rauf Khan, Director, W. M. Secretariat, Pakistan.



**ASIAN OMBUDSMAN ASSOCIATION
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING HELD ON 5TH NOVEMBER 2009**

RESOLUTION NO.1 OF 2009

**AMENDMENTS IN THE BYE-LAWS AND CODE OF CONDUCT OF BUSINESS
OF THE ASIAN OMBUDSMAN ASSOCIATION**

Whereas, it is deemed appropriate to amend the Bye-laws and Code of Conduct of Business of the Asian Ombudsman Association to reflect the changes recommended there in by the Board of Directors in their meeting of 21-22 April, 2008 at Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran;

And whereas, it is the right of the General Assembly of the Asian Ombudsman Association under the provision of Bye-Law 6(4)(d) of the Bye-Laws of the Association to approve amendments in statutes and basic organizational issues of the Association;

Now, therefore, the GENERAL ASSEMBLY hereby resolves to accord its approval to the revised Bye-Laws and Code of Conduct of the Asian Ombudsman Association as annexed herewith.

Adopted this 5th day of November 2009, at Bangkok, Thailand

PRESIDENT

Attested:

SECRETARY



**ASIAN OMBUDSMAN ASSOCIATION
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING HELD ON 5TH NOVEMBER 2009
RESOLUTION NO. 2 OF 2009**

**APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATIONS OF LOK AYUKTA
(OMBUDSMAN), U.P., INDIA , THE AUTHORIZED PERSON OF THE OLIY
MAJLIS OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
(OMBUDSMAN) AND BANKING MOHTASIB (OMBUDSMAN) PAKISTAN AS
FULL MEMBERS**

Whereas the Lok Ayukta (Ombudsman), U.P., India, the Authorized Person of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights (Ombudsman) and the Banking Mohtasib (Ombudsman) Pakistan, had applied for full membership of the Asian Ombudsman Association (AOA) and their applications were examined and recommended by the Board of Directors.

And whereas the applicants meet all the prescribed requirements of full membership under the provision of Bye-Law 5(1) and Article 1 of the Code of Conduct of Business of the Association;

Now, therefore, the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Asian Ombudsman Association in the 11th AOA Conference resolves to accord its approval to the grant of Full Membership of the Asian Ombudsman Association to the Lok Ayukta (Ombudsman), U.P., India, the Authorized Person of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights (Ombudsman) and the Banking Mohtasib (Ombudsman) Pakistan.

Adopted this 5th day of November 2009, at Bangkok, Thailand

PRESIDENT

Attested:

SECRETARY



**ASIAN OMBUDSMAN ASSOCIATION
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING HELD ON 5TH NOVEMBER 2009**

RESOLUTION NO. 3 OF 2009

APPROVAL OF THE AUDIT REPORT OF THE AOA ACCOUNTS

Whereas the audit reports for the period from 1st January 2007 to 31st December, 2007 and 1st January 2008 to 31st December, 2008 prepared by M/s WA Associates (Pvt) Limited have been approved by the Board of Directors in its meetings held on 21-22nd April, 2008 and 2nd November, 2009;

Now, therefore, the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Asian Ombudsman Association in the 11th AOA Conference resolves to accord its approval to the audit reports

Adopted this 5th day of November 2009, at Bangkok, Thailand

PRESIDENT

Attested:

SECRETARY



**ASIAN OMBUDSMAN ASSOCIATION
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING HELD ON 5TH NOVEMBER 2009**

RESOLUTION NO. 4 OF 2009

**GRATITUDE TO THAILAND AND HIS EXCELLENCY
GENERAL TEERADEJ MEEPIEN (RET.) FOR HOSTING
THE 11TH CONFERENCE OF THE ASIAN OMBUDSMAN
ASSOCIATION**

Whereas the success of the recently concluded 11th Asian Ombudsman Association Conference held at Bangkok, Thailand from 2nd November to 5th November, 2009, could not become possible without the whole hearted cooperation and support provided by the host country through the Office of the Ombudsman, the deputies, the staff of the office and all ranks of the other departments of the Government;

And whereas the warm hospitality and generosity extended to the delegates and participants has made the Conference both successful and memorable.

Now, therefore, the GENERAL ASSEMBLY hereby resolves to express its sincere appreciation and gratitude to his Excellency General Teeradej Meepien (Ret.) the deputies and the staff of the office, members of the staff of the other departments of the Government, for the successful hosting of the 11th AOA Conference held from 2nd to 5th November, 2009, at Bangkok, Thailand.

Adopted this 5th day of November 2009, at Bangkok, Thailand

PRESIDENT

Attested:

SECRETARY