



Deputy Election Officer: **PROFESSOR DATO' DR RAHMAT MOHAMAD**



Rahmat Mohamad is currently the Deputy Vice Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia. He is also a Professor of International Law and was the former Dean of the Faculty of Law, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia. Rahmat Mohamad was appointed as the fifth Secretary- General of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organisation (AALCO) on 20 June 2008 at AALCO's 47th Annual Session held in New Delhi, India. He was subsequently unanimously reappointed on 18 June 2012 at AALCO's 51st Annual Session in Abuja, Nigeria. As the Secretary General of AALCO, Rahmat Mohamad headed numerous diplomatic meetings on behalf the AALCO mainly concerning progressive development of international law. In addition, at the annual meeting of AALCO and International Law Commission (ILC)

and the Sixth Committee of the United Nations, he presented the views of Member States of AALCO on many international law issues namely, law of the sea, international criminal law, world trade, economic sanctions, cyberspace, climate change and environment.

Rahmat Mohamad tenure as AALCO Secretary-General has also been characterised by AALCO's active role in the International Law Commission's (ILC) work which included working on many topics deliberated upon by the ILC and AALCO's increased commitment to the work of the ILC through initiatives such as the Inter-Sessional Meeting of Legal Experts, which focuses on current matters under deliberation at the ILC, particularly the identification of Customary International Law. To study this topic better, Rahmat Mohamad initiated the Informal Expert Group as a result of which AALCO's proactive involvement in the identification of Customary International Law has ensured that the Asian-African perspective has played an important role in the considerations of the ILC and has gone a long way towards erasing the stigma of decades of marginalization of the region in the history of the development of international law.

In 2016, Rahmat Mohamad was the Malaysia's representative in the Second Preparatory Committee of the United Nations in the subject of Marine Bio-Diversity in Area beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ). He is currently a member of the Eminent Person Group (EPG) of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organisation (AALCO).

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