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IN THE AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASIAN-AFRICAN
LEGAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Letter dated 4 August 1981 from the representatives of Botswana, Cyprus, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, the Philippines, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from our Governments, we have the honour to request, pursuant to rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion in the agenda of the thirty-sixth session of an item entitled: "Twenty-fifth anniversary of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee".

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure, an explanatory memorandum concerning the request is annexed to this letter.

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ANNEX

Explanatory memorandum under rule 20 of the rules of
procedure of the General Assembly

1. The Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (AALCC), which emerged in 1956 as a tangible outcome of the Asian-African Conference held at Bandung in 1955, will be celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary on 14 November 1981.
2. As the only intergovernmental organization embracing the two continents of Asia and Africa to emerge out of the Bandung Conference, AALCC has become a major forum for Asian-African co-operation and has, over the years, oriented its activities to complement the work of the United Nations at the regional level. To this end AALCC has been working in close co-operation with the United Nations and its various organs and agencies since the year 1960. During the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly, AALCC was accorded observer status with the United Nations. a/
3. There are at present 40 participating member States in the Committee. In addition, having regard to the global impact of its activities, the Committee's regular sessions are being attended by a large number of observer delegations representing Governments from various parts of the world.
4. It is therefore befitting that, during the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly, an opportunity should be provided for statements to be made in plenary meetings of the Assembly on the commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of AALCC and on the strengthening of the co-operation between the United Nations and the Committee.

a/ See resolution 35/2.