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History of the ICAPP Standing Committee Meetings

2024	**November**	**42nd SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Phnom Penh, Cambodia**
	May	**41st SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Bangkok, Thailand**
2023	**October**	**40th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Kathmandu, Nepal**
	May	**39th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Busan, Republic of Korea**
2022	**November**	**38th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Istanbul, Türkiye**
	June	**37th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Prague, Czech Republic**
2021	**September**	**36th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Online**
	April	**35th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Online**
2020	**November**	**34th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Online**
2019	**December**	**33rd SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Terengganu, Malaysia**
	April	**32nd SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Colombo, Sri Lanka**
2018	**October**	**31st SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Moscow, Russian Federation**
	May	**30th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **London, United Kingdom**
	February	**29th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Tehran, Iran**
2017	**July**	**28th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Seoul, Republic of Korea**
2016	**November**	**Informal SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Istanbul, Turkey**
	September	**27th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**
	April	**26th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Jakarta, Indonesia**
2015	**October**	**25th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Beijing, China**
	March	**24th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**
2014	**September**	**23rd SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Colombo, Sri Lanka**
	May	**22nd SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Vladivostok, Russia**
2013	**November**	**21st SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Ankara, Turkey**
	September	**Informal SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Seoul, Republic of Korea**
	May	**20th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Xi'an, China**
	April	**19th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Hanoi, Vietnam**
2012	**November**	**18th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Baku, Azerbaijan**
	June	**17th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Baku, Azerbaijan**
2011	**October**	**16th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Seoul, Republic of Korea**
	September	**Special SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Nanning, China**
	May	**15th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**
2010	**December**	**14th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Phnom Penh, Cambodia**
	July	**13th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Kunming, China**
	February	**12th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Kathmandu, Nepal**
2009	**September**	**11th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Astana, Kazakhstan**
	March	**10th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Astana, Kazakhstan**
2008	**March**	**9th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Islamabad, Pakistan**
2007	**November**	**8th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Tehran, Iran**
	February	**7th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Seoul, Republic of Korea**

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2006	**September**	**6th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Seoul, Republic of Korea**
	June	**5th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Seoul, Republic of Korea**
2005	**May**	**4th SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Seoul, Republic of Korea**
2004	**September**	**3rd SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Beijing, China**
2002	**November**	**2nd SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Bangkok, Thailand**
2000	**September**	**1st SC Meeting** *Venue:* **Manila, Philippines**

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Conclusions of the 42nd Meeting of the Standing Committee of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties
(Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia, November 21, 2024)

The 42nd Meeting (hereinafter referred to as "the Meeting") of the Standing Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the SC") of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (hereinafter referred to as "the ICAPP") was held in the evening of Thursday, November 21, 2024, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia. The Meeting was held on the occasion of the 12th General Assembly of the ICAPP (hereinafter referred to as "the GA"), which took place in Phnom Penh during November 21-24, 2024.

The list of participants and the annotated agenda of the meeting are attached as ***Appendixes I and II.***

The Meeting was co-chaired by Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the ICAPP SC, and Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Co-Chairperson and Special Rapporteur of the ICAPP SC.

H.E. Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, President of the Cambodian People's Party (hereinafter referred to as "the CPP"), who was to be elected as Chairman Emeritus of the 12th GA, attended the Meeting as Special Guest and delivered keynote remarks. In his keynote remarks, H.E. Hun Sen highlighted that the CPP is honored to become the first political party to host the General Assembly of ICAPP for the second time. He emphasized the importance of the theme of the 12th GA, "Quest for Peace and Reconciliation," which aligns with the slogan campaign of the Royal Government of Cambodia, led by the CPP and H.E. Hun Manet, the Prime Minister, "Thank Peace! I love Peace! With peace!, there is development and everything!". He noted that the slogan embodies the firm belief of the Royal Government of Cambodia that peace and stability must be resolutely safeguarded by the united strength of the whole nation. H.E. Hun Sen expressed hope that Cambodia could share its experiences in building, maintaining, and promoting peace and reconciliation with the ICAPP. H.E. Hun Sen also praised ICAPP's growing cooperation with political party networks in Africa, Latin America and Caribbean, and Europe. He highlighted the significance of the inter-regional political party roundtable on the role of political parties in peacebuilding. H.E. Hun Sen further reaffirmed his and the CPP's support for the 12th GA and its affiliated meetings.

The official text of the keynote remarks by H.E. Hun Sen is attached as ***Appendix III***.

The congratulatory letter from Hon. Jose De Venecia, Founder and Chairman Emeritus of ICAPP, former Speaker of Parliament, was also shared with the SC Members during the meeting. Hon. Jose De Venecia expressed his pride and joy in witnessing the history and legacy of ICAPP and conveyed his heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the 12th ICAPP GA. He highlighted the timeliness and significance of the chosen theme, "A Quest for Peace and Reconciliation," in today's increasingly complex and interconnected world. Hon. Jose De Venecia also emphasized the vital role of ICAPP in fostering dialogue, understanding, and collaboration among political parties across Asia, transcending ideological, cultural, and national boundaries. Hon Jose De Venecia expressed his regret that due to his advanced age, he may no longer be able to attend the ICAPP meetings.

The congratulatory letter by Hon. Jose De Venecia is attached as ***Appendix IV.***

I. Issues Relating to the ICAPP Standing Committee (SC)

New Member of the SC

The SC Members welcomed the following three new SC Members:

- Hon. Sun Haiyan, Vice Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), replacing Hon. Guo Yezhou as the representative of the Party in the SC as was informed by the ICAPP Update (24-55) on September 6, 2024.
- Hon. Masroor Mawla, Special Envoy for International Affairs and Presidium member of the *Jatiyo* Party, replacing Hon. Rana Mohammad Sohail as the representative of the Party in the SC, as was informed by the ICAPP Update (24-57) on September 23, 2024.
- Hon. Shin Sung-bum, Member of the National Assembly and Chairperson of the Intelligence Committee of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, replacing Hon. Ha Tae-keung, former Member of the National Assembly, as the representative of the People Power Party (PPP) in the SC as was informed by the ICAPP Update (24-54) on September 6, 2024.

The updated list of the SC Members is attached as ***Appendix V.***

Amendment of the ICAPP Charter to increase the number of countries represented in the SC

The SC Members discussed the need to recommend to the 12th GA to amend Paragraph 1 of Article 9 of the ICAPP Charter to increase the number of countries represented in the ICAPP SC. SC Members agreed to postpone the amendment until the 13th GA to be held in 2016 after hearing the report by the ICAPP Secretariat that the two political parties in Laos and Uzbekistan which had been recommended to join the SC at the previous SC Meeting failed to fully commit to becoming members of the SC.

43rd Meeting of the SC

At the 41st SC Meeting held in Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand, on May 21, 2024, Hon. Daya Gamage, Member of the SC representing the United National Party (UNP) and former Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment of Sri Lanka, offered to host the 43rd Meeting of the SC in Colombo, Sri Lanka, during the first half of 2025, back to back with the 3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Business Council (IBC). The SC Members had agreed to this proposal.

However, Hon. Daya Gamage could not attend the SC meeting in the aftermath of the recently held general elections in Sri Lanka and reconfirm his offer. In this regard, SC Members requested the ICAPP Secretariat to keep in close contact with Hon. Daya Gamage and the UNP of Sri Lanka and reconfirm their willingness to host the two meetings during the first half of 2025, and inform the SC Members accordingly in due course.

Future Meetings of the SC

The SC Members representing political parties that have not yet hosted SC Meetings in their respective countries were encouraged to consider hosting the 44th SC Meeting in the second

half of 2025 and the 45th SC Meeting in the first half of 2026, aside from the 46th SC Meeting, which has already been confirmed to take place in Seoul, Republic of Korea, on the sidelines of the 13th GA in the second half of 2026.

In this regard, Mr. Alireza Ghafoori Fard, Member of the Board and CEO of the Foundation for Islamic Development, who participated in the SC meeting representing the Islamic *Motalefeh* Party of the Islamic Republic of Iran, expressed the party's willingness to host 44th ICAPP SC meeting. In this regard, SC Members agreed to continue their consideration on the offer at the 43rd SC Meeting.

Special Statements Issued by the SC Members

SC Members acknowledged that two special statements had been issued in the name of the ICAPP SC since the 41st SC Meeting, one on the passing of H.E. Nguyễn Phú Trọng, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam on July 19, 2024, extending sincere condolences and sympathies to his bereaved family, and the people and the government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on their profound loss, as was informed by the ICAPP Update (24-44) of July 24, 2024, and another on the terrorist attack that occurred on October 23, 2024, in Ankara, Republic of Türkiye, condemning the terrorist attack and extending condolences and sympathies to the families of the victims and the people of Türkiye, as was informed by the ICAPP Update (24-60) of November 4, 2024.

The statements are attached as ***Appendixes VI-1 and VI-2.***

II. Preparations for 12th GA of the ICAPP

Report by the Organizing Committee of the 12th GA of the ICAPP

Hon. Suos Yara, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP SC and Vice Chairman of the Commission on External Relations of the CPP, reported to the SC Members, on behalf of the Organizing Committee, on the preparations for the 12th GA to be held in Phnom Penh from November 21 to 24, 2024.

In the report, it was confirmed that, in addition to the ICAPP GA, three other ICAPP meetings will take place during the 12th GA as previously planned, which includes the 3rd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (hereinafter referred to as "the ACC"), the 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum, and a Roundtable Discussion among political parties from Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe (hereinafter referred to as the Roundtable Discussion).

The program, list of participants and conference procedures of the 12th GA are attached as ***Appendixes VII-1, VII-2, and VII-3***.

Election of the Bureau of the 12th GA

SC Members reviewed the list of candidates for the members of the Bureau of the 12th GA, which had been prepared and recommended by the ICAPP Secretariat after consultation with the members of the Bureau of the ICAPP SC, and agreed to recommend to the 12th GA for election at the beginning of the GA, in accordance with Article 7 of the ICAPP Charter and the ICAPP tradition.

The list of candidates for Bureau of the 12th GA is attached as ***Appendix VII-4***

Phnom Penh Declaration

The draft Phnom Penh Declaration and statements of the affiliated meetings to be adopted at closing session of the 12th GA, which had been jointly prepared by the Organizing Committee of the GA and the ICAPP Secretariat, had been reviewed by the Drafting Committee Meeting held prior to the SC meeting, was also reviewed and agreed to by the SC Members. They also agreed to circulate the first copy of the draft to all participants after the first plenary session of the GA for their comments and suggestions.

The draft Phnom Penh Declaration and draft Phnom Penh Statement of Roundtable Meeting, 3rd Meeting of ACC, and the 7th Meeting of the Media Forum is attached as ***Appendixes VII-5, VII-6, VII-7, and VII-8***

In this regard, SC Members agreed to remind all participants in the 12th GA to adhere to the understanding reached at the 13th SC Meeting in Kunming on July 16, 2010, which called for "all representatives of the political parties at ICAPP Meetings should refrain from raising any issues directly related to bilateral conflicts or disputes among the countries in the region."

3rd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC)

SC Members reviewed the draft list of candidates for the new members of the Bureau of the Asian Cultural Council, to be elected at its 3rd Meeting on November 23, 2024 under the theme of "Cultural Diversity for Promoting Peace and Reconciliation." The list has also been prepared by the ICAPP Secretariat in consultation with the members of the Bureaus of the ACC and the ICAPP SC to be recommended for election at the ACC Meeting in accordance with its Terms of Reference.

The draft list of candidates for the new members of Bureau of the ACC is attached as ***Appendix VIII-1***.

7th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum

SC Members reviewed the draft list of candidates for the new members of the Bureau of the ICAPP Media Forum, to be elected at its 7th Meeting on November 23, 2024 under the theme of "Fighting Fake News in the Digital Context to Sustain Peace." The list has also been prepared by the ICAPP Secretariat in consultation with the members of the Bureaus of the ICAPP Media Forum and the ICAPP SC to be recommended for election at the ACC Meeting in accordance with its Terms of Reference.

The draft list of candidates for the new members of the Bureau of the ICAPP Media Forum is attached as ***Appendix VIII-2***.

III. Review of the ICAPP activities since the 41st SC Meeting

Hon. Kwon Hee-seog, Secretary-General of the ICAPP Secretariat, had made following reports on the results of the ICAPP activities since the 41st SC Meeting.

8th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing in August 2024

The 8th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing was hosted by the Mongolian People's Party (MPP) in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia during August 17 - 20, 2024.

The Meeting was participated by representatives of 17 political parties from 11 countries. The main theme of the meeting was "Empowering Women in the Asia Pacific," and the participants discussed challenges faced by women, such as poverty, unemployment, limited access to education, and gender discrimination. The meeting commenced with the welcoming remarks by Hon. Sodbaatar Yangug, Secretary General of the MPP, and opening remarks of Hon. Nomin Chinbat, Member of Parliament, Minister of Culture, Sports, Tourism and Youth of Mongolia, Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing, and Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the ICAPP SC, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea. During the session, the new Vice Chairpersons of the ICAPP Women's Wing were also elected. The Ulaanbaatar Statement for the meeting was adopted at the closing session.

The program, list of participants, list of the members of the Bureau of the ICAPP Women's Wing, and the Ulaanbaatar Statement are attached as ***Appendixes IX-1, IX-2, IX-3, and IX-4*** respectively.

ICAPP Observers to the BRICS and Partner Countries Forum

The International Inter-Party BRICS and Partner Countries Forum was held in Vladivostok, Russia, from June 16 to 19, 2024. The Forum was co-hosted by the BRICS Presidency of the Russian Federation and the United Russia Party. Representatives of political parties from 28 countries across Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Africa attended the meeting. ICAPP SC was represented by Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveesin, and Hon. Suos Yara, in addition to Hon. Andrey Klimov.

Discussions at the forum were focused on how to further develop close ties among countries through BRICS, to promote principles for global security and peace, to expand economic and financial cooperation, and to ensure responsible behavior of major players in the digital space. Separate meetings were held among various political party groups to discuss their cooperation in the future.

On the sidelines of the forum, the ICAPP representatives, led by Chairperson Chung Eui-yong, had separate meetings with representatives of the political parties from China, Russia, Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Tajikistan, Zimbabwe, South Africa, and Cuba, and exchanged views on future cooperation between the ICAPP and their respective parties. During the meetings, the representative of Lao People's Revolutionary Party expressed its interest in joining the ICAPP SC, and representatives of political parties from the southern Africa expressed interest in forming an organization of political parties in Africa in cooperation with the ICAPP.

The Report of the ICAPP participants in the BRICS and Partner Countries Forum is attached as ***Appendix X.***

ICAPP Mission to Observe the Parliamentary Elections in Azerbaijan

The ICAPP Mission was dispatched to Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan from August 30 to September 2, 2024, to observe the parliamentary elections held on September 1, 2024 at the invitation of the *Milli Majlis* (National Assembly) of Azerbaijan. The Mission was composed of Hon. İbrahim Halil Korkmazwas, Vice Chairman for Foreign Relations of the *AK Parti*, Republic of Türkiye and Hon. Thorng Cheyveasna, Member of the ACC Secretariat in Kingdom of Cambodia. On election day, the ICAPP Mission visited a total of 16 polling stations in different constituencies and observed the election process at the seven polling stations. The Mission reported that the elections had proceeded fairly without incidents at the locations of their visits.

The program, list of the participants, and Baku Statement of the Observer Mission are attached as ***Appendixes XI-1, XI-2, and XI-3*** respectively.

The signing of the MOUs on the exchange of observers between the ICAPP and IPTP, and between the ICAPP and the AIPA

As had been informed by ICAPP Update (24-34) on June 11, 2024 and ICAPP Update (24-35) on June 11, 2024 respectively, consultations have been ongoing since May 2024 to finalize two Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) on exchange of observers between the ICAPP and the International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace (IPTP), and between the ICAPP and the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA).

SC Members endorsed the MOU between the ICAPP and the IPTP, and the MOU between the ICAPP and AIPA.

SC Members also agreed that Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairman of the ICAPP SC will sign the MOU with Hon. Ahmed bin Mohammed Alijarwan, President of GCTP, and Hon. Kwon Hee-seog, Secretary-General of ICAPP Secretariat will sign the MOU with Hon. Siti Rozaimeriyanty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman, Secretary General of the AIPA, respectively on November 23, 2024.

The copies of the letters exchanged with the IPTP and the AIPA, and the MOUs are attached as ***Appendixes XII-1, XII-2, XII-3, and XII-4*** respectively.

Publications of ICAPP NEWS Volumes 3 and 4

In accordance with the agreement to publish a quarterly newsletter, reached at the 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum held in November 2023, the ICAPP Secretariat has published ICAPP NEWS Volume 3, as had been informed by ICAPP update (24-42) of July 18, 2024, covering the period of the second quarter of 2024, and Volume 4 as had been informed by ICAPP Update (24-58) of October 30, 2024, covering the third quarter of 2024.

The copies of the ICAPP NEWS Volume 3 and Volume 4 are attached as ***Appendixes XIII-1 and XIII-2*** respectively.

IV. ICAPP Work Programs for 2025

6th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum

At the 5th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF) held on October 14, 2023, Hon. Jan Zahradil, Co-Chairperson of the AEPF, Member of the European Parliament (EP) representing the Czech Republic, and Bureau Member of the European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR) in the European Parliament (EP), proposed to pospone the 6th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum, which was scheduled to be held in April 2024 in Brussels, Belgium, to September 2024.

However, during the ICAPP Mission to the EP in Strasbourg from March 12 to14, 2024, most of the European representatives were of the view to hold the meeting in late 2024 or early 2025 for administrative and budgetary reasons. They stated that, since the new session of the EP would start in September following the EP elections in June 2024, the newly formed political party groups in the EP would need more time to prepare for the meeting.

In this regard, the ECR has been continuing internal consultations among the political party groups in the EP on the venue and date for the 6th AEPF Meeting, exploring the possibility of holding the meeting in early 2025 in one of the capital cities in Europe. The details will be confirmed and informed in due course through the ICAPP Secretariat.

3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Business Council

At the 41st Meeting of the ICAPP SC held on May 28, 2024 in Bangkok, the Kingdom of Thailand, Hon. Daya Gamage, former Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment, former Vice Chairperson of the United National Party (UNP), Sri Lanka, offered to host the 3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Business Council in Colombo, Sri Lanka, back-to-back with the 43rd SC Meeting during the first half of 2025.

However, due to the unavailability of Hon. Daya Gamage to participate in the SC meeting because of post-election schedules in Sri Lanka, the hosting of the ICAPP Business Council has yet to be confirmed. The matter will be addressed in future discussions between the ICAPP Secretariat and Hon. Daya Gamage.

8th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum

It had been agreed that the meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum will be held regularly, and the two meetings were recently held in 2022 and 2023, respectively in Turkiye and Republic of Korea. And another meeting will be held on the sideline of the 12th GA on November 23, 2024. In this regard, SC Members agreed to consider holding the next ICAPP Media Forum alongside the SC meeting in the second half of 2025. Further consultation on this matter will be conducted through the ICAPP Secretariat.

8th Meeting of ICAPP Youth Wing and 9th Meeting of ICAPP Women's Wing

The recent Meetings of the ICAPP Youth Wing and the ICAPP Women's Wing were held in Mongolia in 2023 and 2024 consecutively. SC Members agreed to consider holding the ICAPP

Youth Wing and Women's Wing meetings either separately or together in 2025. Further discussions on this matter will be conducted through the ICAPP Secretariat.

ICAPP Special Conference

During the 39th SC Meeting held in Busan on May 1, 2023, SC Members expressed the view that the ICAPP should consider organizing another Special Conference in the near future. In this regard, SC Members proposed several potential topics for consideration, including climate change, ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) issues, promoting environmentally responsible behaviors, ICAPP's role in the post-COVID era, and the economic and social challenges facing Asia in the aftermath of the pandemic.

V. Other Issues

Extension of the Cooperation Agreement between the ICAPP and the UNESCO

At the 41st Meeting of the ICAPP SC held on May 28, 2024 in Bangkok, the Kingdom of Thailand, Hon. Suos Yara, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP SC, informed that the consultations with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) had been underway to extend the Cooperation Agreement between the ICAPP and the UNESCO.

SC Members shared the view that the extension of the Agreement would further enhance the partnership with UNESCO on matters of mutual interest and help achieve the objectives outlined in the Constitution of UNESCO and the Charter of ICAPP, as stated in Articles 1 and 2 of the Cooperation Agreement. To this end, the ICAPP Secretariat requested that UNESCO review the ICAPP's proposal on the amendment of Article 6 of the Cooperation Agreement, which was proposed to read: "This Agreement shall be automatically extended for further periods of five (5) years, unless terminated by either UNESCO or ICAPP, with six (6) months' prior written notice to the other party."

The copies of the letter to the Director-General of the UNESCO and MOU are attached as ***Appendixes XIV-1, and XIV-2*** respectively.

Cooperation with COPPPAL and CAPP

The meetings between the ICAPP and the *COPPPAL*, Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean, have been held at the Standing Committee level in Buenos Aires in 2009, Phnom Penh in 2010, Mexico City in 2012, Baku in 2013, Mexico City in 2014. Following these meetings, the bilateral cooperation between the ICAPP and the *COPPPAL* has developed and expanded into a trilateral meeting involving the CAPP, Council of African Political Parties, since 2016. The Secretariats of ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP had collaborated to hold three trilateral meetings thus far at the Standing Committee level, in Jakarta (2016), in Tegucigalpa (2017), and in Moscow (2018).

At the 41st SC Meeting held in Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand, the SC members agreed to coordinate with the ICAPP Secretariat in efforts to reach out to political parties in Africa, under the circumstances that CAPP Secretariat based in Khartoum, Sudan, appears to be difficult to

continue its function to promote trilateral cooperation, after becoming incapable of functioning properly due to the continuous political turmoil in the country.

In this regard, SC Members agreed to continue to coordinate their efforts to reach out to political parties in Africa and share any new development through the ICAPP Secretariat with a view to helping establish a new organization of political parties in Africa. They also took note of the participation of representatives of African political parties, including UNITA Party of Angola and United Democratic Alliance Party of Kenya, in the 12th GA as observers, and agreed to continue their outreach efforts.

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List of Participants

1. Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee (25)

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- Hon. Suos Yara, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Central Committee Member of the Party, First Chairman of the External Relations of the Party, and Chairman of the Secretariat for the Organizing Committee of the 12th ICAPP General Assembly, Cambodian People's Party, Kingdom of **Cambodia**

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- **Cambodian People's Party (CPP) (5)**
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  - **Hon. Dr. Chheng Kimlong**, Central Committee Member of the Party and President of the Asian Vision Institute
  - **Hon. Chhe Sokty**, Central Committee Member and Vice Chairman of the External Relations of the Party
  - **Hon. Dr. Eng Kokthay**, Member of the Party and Secretary of State of the Office of the Council of Ministers
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  - **Hon. Liang Bihan**, Director
  - **Ms. Wang Yumei**, First Secretary
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  - **Mr. Htet Yan Naing Soe**, Interpreter and Member of the Party

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  - **Mr. John Michael Campos**, Chief Legislative Officer
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  - **Mr. Luis Mari Grana**, Political Affairs Officer

Russian Federation

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Appendix II

Annotated Agenda
For the 42nd Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee
(Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia, November 21, 2024)

I. Issues Relating to the ICAPP Standing Committee (SC) Meeting

42nd Meeting of the SC

As was informed by the ICAPP Update (24-19) on March 25, 2024, it was agreed that the 42nd Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the SC") of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (hereinafter referred to as "the ICAPP") will be hosted by the Cambodian People's Party (CPP), represented by H.E. Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, President of the CPP, President of the Senate and the former Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, back-to-back with the 12th ICAPP General Assembly (hereinafter referred to as "the GA") to be held in Phnom Penh, the Kingdom of Cambodia during November 21-24, 2024.

New Members of the SC

As was informed by the ICAPP Update (24-54) on September 6, 2024, Hon. Shin Sung-bum, Member of the National Assembly, and Chairperson of the Intelligence Committee of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, has replaced Hon. Ha Tae-keung, former Member of the National Assembly, as the representative of the People Power Party (PPP) in the SC, as of August 28, 2024.

As was informed by the ICAPP Update (24-55) on September 6, 2024, the Communist Party of China appointed Hon. Sun Haiyan, Vice Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) to replace Hon. Guo Yezhou, as Vice Chairperson of the SC and the representative of the CPC in the SC, as of September 5, 2024.

As was informed by the ICAPP Update (24-57) on September 23, 2024, the *Jatiyo* Party of Bangladesh appointed Hon. Masroor Mawla, Special Envoy for International Affairs and Presidium member of the *Jatiyo* Party, as the new SC Member to replace Hon. Rana Mohammad Sohail, as the representative of the Party in the SC, as of September 19, 2024.

The updated list of the ICAPP SC is attached as ***Appendix I***

Amendment of the ICAPP Charter to increase the number of countries represented in the SC

At the 41st SC Meeting held in Bangkok on May 2024, SC Members agreed to consider inviting the Liberal Democratic Party of Uzbekistan and Lao People's Revolutionary Party of Laos, which had informally expressed their interest in joining the SC as new members. Accordingly, the ICAPP Secretariat had taken follow-up measures by sending to both parties letters on June 3, 2024 to confirm their formal confirmation to join the SC.

The Lao People's Revolutionary Party informed the ICAPP Secretariat on October 9, 2024 that its "current conditions present certain challenges that would prevent it from fully committing to the responsibilities and obligations with membership of the Standing Committee at this time." The Liberal Democratic Party of Uzbekistan has not yet officially confirmed its position to the ICAPP Secretariat's invitation to join the ICAPP SC.

In this regard, SC Members are requested to consider if it will be appropriate to to recommend to the 12th GA to amend Paragraph 1 of Article 9 of the ICAPP Charter from **"A Standing Committee, composed of the representatives of political parties of not exceeding twenty-three (23) countries in the region, shall be established."** to **"A Standing Committee, composed of the representatives of political parties of not exceeding twenty-four (24) or twenty-five (25) countries in the region, shall be established,"** in case the above-mentioned political parties will conform their positions to join the SC before the 13th GA to be held in 2026.

The copy of the draft recommendation to amend the ICAPP Charter is attached as ***Appendix II***

43rd Meeting of the SC

At the 41st Standing Committee Meeting held in Bangkok, the Kingdom of Thailand, on May 21, 2024, Hon. Daya Gamage, Member of the SC representing the United National Party (UNP) and former Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, offered to host the 43rd Meeting of SC in Colombo, Sri Lanka during the first half of 2025, to which the SC Members agreed. Hon. Daya Gamage also offered that the UNP would host the 3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Business Council (IBC) in Colombo, back-to-back with the 43rd SC Meeting.

Future Meetings of the SC

According to Paragraph 2 of Article 10 of the ICAPP Charter, "the SC meeting shall be held at least once a year, including its meetings during the GA." It has also been the ICAPP tradition to hold two SC meetings in a year since the 4th SC Meeting in 2005. In this regard, political parties represented in the SC are requested to offer to host the 44th SC Meeting to be held during the second half of 2025.

Special Statements Issued by the SC Members

As was informed by the ICAPP Update (24-44) of July 24, 2024, SC Members issued a statement on the passing of H.E. Nguyễn Phú Trọng, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam on July 19, 2024, to extend sincere condolences and sympathies to his bereaved family, and the people and the government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on their profound loss.

As was informed by the ICAPP Update (24-60) of November 4, 2024, SC Members issued a statement on the terrorist attack that occurred on October 23, 2024, in Ankara, Republic of Türkiye, to condemn the terrorist attack and extend condolences and sympathies to the families of the victims and the people of Türkiye.

The statements are attached as ***Appendixes III-1 and III-2***

II. Preparations for 12th GA of the ICAPP

Report by the Organizing Committee of the 12th GA of the ICAPP

Hon. Suos Yara, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP SC and Vice Chairman of the Commission on Eternal Relations of the Cambodian People's Party, will make a report, on behalf of the Organizing Committee of the 12th GA, on the state of preparations for the 12th GA to be held in Phnom Penh from November 21 to 24, 2024.

Three other ICAPP meetings will also be held during the 12th GA, which are the 3rd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC), the 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum and the Roundtable Discussion among Political Parties from Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe.

As of November 14, 2024, representatives of 50 political Parties from 30 countries in the region have confirmed their participation in the 12th GA. It has also been confirmed that representatives of a total of 16 political parties from 15 countries from other regions, including Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe have confirmed to participate as observers.

The program, list of participants and conference procedures of the 12th GA are attached as ***Appendixes IV-1, IV-2, and IV-3***.

Election of the Bureau of the 12th GA

In accordance with Article 7 of the ICAPP Charter, the SC should prepare a list of candidates for the members of the Bureau for the 12th GA and recommend it to the 12th GA for its election at the beginning of the meeting. In this regard, the members of the Bureau of the SC had agreed to the draft list of candidates for consideration at the SC meeting. The candidates had been nominated following the ICAPP tradition.

The draft list of candidates is attached as ***Appendix IV-4.***

Phnom Penh Declaration

In accordance with the ICAPP tradition, "Phnom Penh Declaration" will be adopted at the Closing Session of the 12th GA. In this regard, the ICAPP Secretariat had prepared the draft Declaration in close consultation with the CPP, which will be circulated among SC Members prior to the GA. In this regard, SC Members are requested to review the draft and make their comments or suggestions to the ICAPP Secretariat before the first official draft will be circulated among all participants in the GA after the 2nd Plenary Session of the GA.

The draft Phnom Penh Declaration is attached as ***Appendix IV-5.***

3rd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC)

As mentioned in the above, the 3rd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC) will be held on November 23, 2024, under the topic of "Cultural Diversity for Promoting Peace and Reconciliation," on the sideline of the 12th GA. The ACC meeting is expected to elect the

members of its new Bureau in accordance with its Terms of Reference after the resignation of Hon. Khoun Sudary, President of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia, from the position of its Chairperson.

In this regard, the members of the Bureau of the ICAPP SC agreed to submit the draft list of the members of the new Bureau of the ACC for consideration at the SC meeting. The members of the new Bureau of will be formally elected at the ACC meeting.

The draft list is attached as ***Appendix V-1***.

7th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum

As mentioned in the above, The 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum will be held on November 23, 2024, under the topic of "Fighting Fake News in the Digital Context to Sustain Peace," on the sideline of the 12th GA. The ICAPP Media Forum is expected to elect the members of its new Bureau in accordance with its Terms of Reference following the resignation of Hon. Kang Hoon-sik, Member of the National Assembly, Republic of Korea, from the position of its Chairperson.

In this regard, the members of the Bureau of the SC agreed to submit the draft list of the members of the new Bureau of the ICAPP Media Forum to be nominated by the SC. They also agreed to recommend candidates to represent journalists in the new Bureau of the ICAPP Media Forum for consideration at the Media Forum meeting. The members of the new Bureau will be formally elected at the ICAPP Media Forum meeting.

The draft list is attached as ***Appendix V-2***.

III. Review of the ICAPP activities since the 41st SC Meeting

8th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing in August 2024

The 8th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing was hosted by the Mongolian People's Party (MPP) in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from August 17 to 20, 2024. The Meeting was participated by representatives of 17 political parties from 11 countries. The main theme of the meeting was "Empowering Women in the Asia Pacific," and the participants discussed challenges faced by women, such as poverty, unemployment, limited access to education, and gender discrimination. The meeting commenced with the welcoming remarks by Hon. Sodbaatar Yangug, Secretary General of the MPP, and opening remarks of Hon. Nomin Chinbat, Member of Parliament, Minister of Culture, Sports, Tourism and Youth of Mongolia, Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing, and Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea. During the session, the new Vice Chairpersons of the ICAPP Women's Wing were also elected. The Ulaanbaatar Statement for the meeting was adopted at the closing session.

The Program, List of Participants, List of the Members of the Bureau of the ICAPP Women's Wing, and the Ulaanbaatar Statement are attached as ***Appendixes VI-1, VI-2, VI-3, and VI-4*** respectively.

ICAPP Observers to the BRICS and Partner Countries Forum

The International Inter-Party BRICS and Partner Countries Forum was held in Vladivostok, Russia, from June 16 to 19, 2024. The Forum was co-hosted by the BRICS Presidency of the Russian Federation and the United Russia Party Representatives of political parties from 28 countries across Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Africa attended the meeting. ICAPP Standing Committee was represented by Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveesin, and Hon. Suos Yara, in addition to Hon. Andrey Klimov.

Discussions at the forum were focused on how to further develop close ties among countries through BRICS, to promote principles for global security and peace, to expand economic and financial cooperation, and to ensure responsible behavior of major players in the digital space. Separate meetings were held among various political party groups to discuss their cooperation in the future.

On the sidelines of the forum, the ICAPP representatives, led by Chairman, Hon. Chung Eui-yong, had separate meetings with representatives of the political parties from China, Russia, Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Tajikistan, Zimbabwe, South Africa, and Cuba, and exchanged views on future cooperation between the ICAPP and their respective parties. During the meetings, the representative of Lao People's Revolutionary Party expressed its interest in joining the ICAPP SC, and representatives of political parties from the southern Africa expressed interest in forming an organization of political parties in Africa in cooperation with the ICAPP.

The Report of the ICAPP participants in the BRICS and Partner Countries Forum is attached as ***Appendix VII.***

I***CAPP Mission to Observe the Parliamentary Elections in Azerbaijan***

The ICAPP Mission was dispatched to Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan during August 30 to September 2, 2024, to observe the parliamentary elections held on September 1, 2024 at the invitation of the *Milli Majlis* (National Assembly) of Azerbaijan. The Mission was composed of Hon. İbrahim Halil Korkmazwas, Vice Chairman for Foreign Relations of the *AK Parti*, Republic of Türkiye and Hon. Thorng Cheyveasna, Member of the ACC Secretariat in Kingdom of Cambodia. On election day, the ICAPP Mission visited a total of 16 polling stations in different constituencies and observed the election process at the seven polling stations. The Mission reported that the elections had proceeded fairly without incidents at the locations of their visits.

The Program, List of the Participants, and Baku Statement of the Observer Mission are attached as ***Appendixes VIII-1, VIII-2, and VIII-3*** respectively.

The signing of the MOUs on exchange of observers between the ICAPP and IPTP, and between the ICAPP and the AIPA

The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the ICAPP and the International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace (IPTP), and another MOU between the ICAPP and the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) had been proposed by the

representatives of political parties from ASEAN countries.

With the authorization of the SC Members, the ICAPP Secretariat negotiated with the IPTP and the AIPA, and agreed to sign the MOUs on the occasion of the 12th GA, as had been informed by ICAPP Update (24-34) on June 11, 2024 and ICAPP Update (24-35) on June 11, 2024.

The copies of the letters exchanged with the IPTP and the AIPA, and the MOUs are attached as ***Appendixes IX-1, IX-2, IX-3, and IX-4*** respectively.

Publications of ICAPP NEWS Volumes 3 and 4

In accordance with the agreement to publish a quarterly newsletter, reached at the 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum held in November 2023, the ICAPP Secretariat has published ICAPP NEWS Volume 3, as had been informed by ICAPP update (24-42) on July 18, 2024, covering the period of the second quarter of 2024, and Volume 4 as had been informed by ICAPP Update (24-58) on October 30, 2024, covering the third quarter of 2024.

The copies of the ICAPP NEWS Volume 3 and Volume 4 are attached as ***Appendixes X-1 and X-2*** respectively.

V. ICAPP Work Programs for 2025

6th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum

At the 5th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF) held on October 14, 2023, Hon. Jan Zahradil, Co-Chairperson of the AEPF, Member of the European Parliament (EP) representing the Czech Republic, and Bureau Member of the European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR) in the European Parliament (EP), proposed to delay the 6th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum, which was scheduled to be held in April 2024 in Brussels, Belgium, to September 2024.

However, during the ICAPP Mission to the EP in Strasbourg from March 12 to14, 2024, most of the European representatives were of the view to hold the meeting in late 2024 or early 2025 for administrative and budgetary reasons. They stated that, since the new session of the EP would start in September following the EP elections in June 2024, the newly formed political party groups in the EP would need more time to prepare for the meeting.

In this regard, the ECR has been continuing internal consultations among the political party groups in the EP on the venue and date for the 6th AEPF Meeting, exploring the possibility of holding the meeting in early 2025 in one of the capital cities in Europe. The details will be confirmed and informed in due course through the ICAPP Secretariat.

3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Business Council

At the 41st Meeting of the ICAPP SC held on May 28, 2024 in Bangkok, the Kingdom of Thailand, Hon. Daya Gamage, former Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment, former Vice Chairperson of the United National Party (UNP), Sri Lanka, offered to host the 3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Business Council in Colombo, Sri Lanka, back-to-back with the 43rd SC

Meeting during the first half of 2025.

8th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum

The ICAPP Charter stipulates that the meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum will be held regularly, and the two meetings were recently held in 2022 and 2024, respectively in Turkiye and Republic of Korea. It is requested that SC members offer to host the 8th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum to be held during 2025.

8th Meeting of ICAPP Youth Wing and 9th Meeting of ICAPP Women's Wing

The recent Meetings of the ICAPP Youth Wing and the ICAPP Women's Wing were held in Mongolia, in 2023 and 2024. It is requested that SC members offer to host the 8th Meeting of the Youth Wing and the 9th Meeting of the Women's Wing, back-to-back with other meetings or independently during 2025.

ICAPP Special Conference

During the 39th SC Meeting held in Busan on May 1, 2023, SC Members expressed the view that the ICAPP should consider organizing another Special Conference in the near future. In this regard, SC Members proposed several potential topics for consideration, including climate change, ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) issues, promoting environmentally responsible behaviors, ICAPP's role in the post-COVID era, and the economic and social challenges facing Asia in the aftermath of the pandemic.

SC Members are encouraged to offer to host this event and share additional ideas for possible topics.

V. Other Issues

Extension of the Cooperation Agreement between the ICAPP and the UNESCO

At the 41st Meeting of the ICAPP SC held on May 28, 2024 in Bangkok, the Kingdom of Thailand, Hon. Suos Yara, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP SC, informed that the consultations with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) had been underway to extend the Cooperation Agreement between the ICAPP and the UNESCO.

SC Members shared the view that the extension of the Agreement would further enhance the partnership with UNESCO on matters of mutual interest and help achieve the objectives outlined in the Constitution of UNESCO and the Charter of ICAPP, as stated in Articles 1 and 2 of the Cooperation Agreement. To this end, the ICAPP Secretariat requested that UNESCO review the ICAPP's proposal on the amendment of Article 6 of the Cooperation Agreement, which was proposed to read: "This Agreement shall be automatically extended for further periods of five (5) years, unless terminated by either UNESCO or ICAPP, with six (6) months' prior written notice to the other party."

The copies of the letter to the Director-General of the UNESCO and MOU are attached as ***Appendixes XI-1, and XI-2*** respectively.

Expansion of participation in the Inter-governmental MOU to support ICAPP activities signed in July 2013

On July 26, 2013, the inter-governmental "MOU on Cooperation to Support the Activities of the ICAPP" was signed among the government representatives of like-minded countries at a ceremony held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Seoul, Republic of Korea. The signatories are requested to "agree to provide appropriate support that is available and possible within their capacity for the activities and programs of the ICAPP," as stipulated in Paragraph 1. The MOU was also "not intended to create any legally binding obligations," as stipulated in Paragraph 2.

So far, the governments of eleven countries, i.e. Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Iran, Kazakhstan, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam, have participated in the MOU by signing the document.

The ICAPP Secretariat was designated as the Depository for the MOU by Paragraph 5 of the MOU, and any government that wishes to participate in the MOU can notify the ICAPP Secretariat, in writing, of its intention, which would be immediately informed to other participants.

In this regard, at the 19th SC Meeting held in Hanoi in April 2013, SC Members endorsed the initiative and agreed to recommend to their respective governments to sign the MOU.

The copy of the inter-governmental MOU is attached as ***Appendix XII.***

Cooperation with Political Parties in other regions

The meetings between ICAPP and *COPPPAL* (the Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean) have taken place at the Standing Committee level in Buenos Aires (2009), Phnom Penh (2010), Mexico City (2012), Baku (2013), and again in Mexico City (2014). These interactions have fostered bilateral cooperation, which expanded to include the Council of African Political Parties (CAPP) in 2016, resulting in trilateral meetings. The Secretariats of ICAPP, *COPPPAL,* and CAPP had successfully collaborated on three trilateral meetings at the Standing Committee level, held in Jakarta (2016), Tegucigalpa (2017), and Moscow (2018).

At the 3rd Trilateral Meeting held in Moscow in 2018, the three organizations, ICAPP, *COPPPAL*, and CAPP, agreed to designate the ICAPP Secretariat in Seoul, Republic of Korea, as the Common Secretariat for coordination among the three organizations to further promote cooperation among political parties in Asia, Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Building on this initiative, a Roundtable Discussion among Political Parties from Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe was proposed to be held on November 22, 2024 on the occasion of the 12th GA.

Other Issues

The SC Members may raise any other issues of their interest under this item.

Appendixes:

I. Updated List of the ICAPP SC

II. Draft Recommendation to Amend the ICAPP Charter

III. Special Statements issued by the ICAPP SC

1. *Statement on the passing of H.E. Nguyễn Phú Trọng*
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Appendix III

Remarks by
Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen,
President of the Cambodian People's Party,
And the Honorary President of the 12th General Assembly of the ICAPP
At the 42nd Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee
(Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia, November 21, 2024)

- *Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee;*
- *Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Co-chairperson of the ICAPP Standing committee;*
- *Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen!*

1. I have a great honour and pleasure to participate in the 42nd Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee. I would like to express my warmest thanks and congratulations for the efforts to organize our meeting and the 12th General Assembly of the ICAPP and related meetings on this occasion.

2. The Cambodian People's Party is proud as the ruling party through regular elections, and our party is honoured to host for the second time the 12th General Assembly of the ICAPP under the theme "A Quest for Peace and Reconciliation", which is significant to the current global situations amid the geopolitical, geo-economic and security challenges. The 12th General Assembly of the ICAPP will now mobilize the strength of the ICAPP family of political parties and relevant stakeholders to promote efforts to enhance peace and reconciliation through: (1) conflict prevention, (2) peacebuilding and good offices, (3) transitional justice, (4) post-conflict reconstruction and response to humanitarian and disaster issues, and (5) food security and sustainable development in response to climate change.

3. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the ICAPP on its recent collaboration with major international organizations and networks of political parties in Europe, Latin America and Africa, as well as those which are willing to establish cooperation with political parties in Asia. The 12th General Assembly of the ICAPP has also included an inter-regional political party roundtable on the theme "The Role of Political Parties in Peacebuilding and Reconciliation", which gathers representatives from political parties in Africa, Europe, Asia and Latin America to promote dialogue and connectivity between people and people from different regions of the world. This will contribute to enhancing the role and solidarity of political parties and stakeholders in building peace, promoting reconciliation and sustainable development.

4. As a leading party in ICAPP, the Cambodian People's Party has supported the expansion of ICAPP's cooperation partners, especially through the Asian Cultural Council (ACC), which is an important means of connecting different cultural corridors between ICAPP political party members, as well as institutions of the United Nations such as UNESCO. In this regard, we include the 3rd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council under the theme "Cultural Diversity for Promoting Peace and Reconciliation", firmly hoping that strengthening cultural corridor cooperation with political parties of different political

orientations is essential to promoting connections with other blocs of countries based on a culture of mutual respect, mutual understanding and mutual benefit for peaceful coexistence, sovereign equality, technological progress and innovation, culture of dialogue and economic prosperity (3M4Peace).

5. The Cambodian People's Party also attaches great importance to the ICAPP Youth Forum and the ICAPP Women's Forum and professional, free press. In this regard, we have included the 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum under the theme "Fighting Fake News in the Digital Age to Sustain Peace" to raise awareness about the use of digital information systems to connect cooperation between political parties and combat fake news, a common concern of the world today.

- ***Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen!***

6. The current political situation in Cambodia is favorable, which is conducive to development in all sectors and the improvement of the people's livelihood. In this context, the Royal Government led by the Cambodian People's Party, with me as President of the Party and Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet as Prime Minister, has promoted national solidarity and unity, protected the country's governance system based on the principles of democracy, protected the King and the Constitution, ensured that the country maintained peace, stability, security and strong social order, and ensured the continued development process in all fields. Peace and political stability, which are the foundations for the development and harmonious living of the people, are resolutely protected by the entire national strength. The slogan "Thank Peace! I love Peace! With peace, there is development and everything!" has become a strong and vibrant social spirit in protecting all achievements, national society and the progress of the nation. Therefore, we hope that Cambodia will be able to contribute to sharing Cambodia's experience in the process of building, maintaining and promoting peace and reconciliation with the whole world.

7. In this spirit, I would like to inform you that the 12th ICAPP General Assembly will adopt four important documents including: (1) Phnom Penh Peace Declaration, (2) Statement of the 3rd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council, (3) Statement of the 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum, and (4) Statement on the Outcome of the Roundtable Meeting of Inter-Regional Political Parties. Therefore, I hope that the ICAPP Standing Committee will support all contents and statements that the Cambodian People's Party, as the host, has proposed to contribute to promoting regional and global peace and reconciliation.

8. Taking this opportunity, I would also like to invite Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen to attend the 11th Plenary Session of the International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace (IPTP), hosted by the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia, which will take place one day after the 12th ICAPP General Assembly, on 23-26 November 2024, to promote inter-parliamentary cooperation in enhancing peace and reconciliation, and to support the adoption of the Universal Peace Charter: For People and Planet, which will become an international framework established to strengthen global solidarity and partnership for peace, harmony, dignity and prosperity for humanity.

9. Last but not least, I wish Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen good health and success in all works, and I wish the 12th ICAPP General Assembly to achieve successful and fruitful results.

Thank you!

Appendix IV

Congratulatory Letter from Hon. Jose De Venecia, Founder and Chairman Emeritus of ICAPP

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FORMER SPEAKER JOSE DE VENECIA, JR.
Founder & Chairman Emeritus, International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP);
Chairman Emeritus, International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP)

November 20, 2024

H.E. CHUNG EUI-YONG
Chairman of Standing Committee;
H.E. MUSHAHID HUSSAIN SAYED
Co-Chairman of Standing Committee;
THE MEMBERS OF THE ICAPP STANDING COMMITTEE
International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP)

Dear Excellencies and friends,

It is with great pride and profound joy that I convey my heartfelt congratulations to everyone of you on the occasion of our ICAPP 12th General Assembly in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, November 21-24, 2024. The chosen theme, *"A Quest for Peace and Reconciliation,"* could not be more timely or significant in today's increasingly complex and interconnected world.

In an era marked by conflicts, uncertainties, and divisions, the pursuit of peace and reconciliation is not merely an ideal but an urgent necessity. This theme resonates deeply with the mission of ICAPP to foster dialogue, understanding, and collaboration among political parties across Asia, transcending boundaries of ideology, culture, and nationality.

As the founder and chairman emeritus of ICAPP, I take immense pride in witnessing the enduring legacy of our collective vision. This General Assembly serves as a testament to ICAPP's unwavering dedication to the principles of unity, harmony, and mutual respect among nations.

Your commitment to bringing together leaders and representatives from diverse political backgrounds echoes the transformative power of dialogue in resolving disputes and building consensus. For it is through dialogue and cooperation that we can address shared challenges and lay the foundation for a peaceful and prosperous future for Asia and the world.

I would have wanted to join you in this prestigious event, but my advanced age prevents me from doing so. In response to your kind invitation, I have asked Aldwin B. Requejo, my longtime special assistant, now the Chief of Staff to my son, Congressman Christopher de Venecia, to attend this important assembly on my behalf. This gesture reflects my enduring commitment to ICAPP and my deep respect for your leadership and the principles we uphold together.

My dear friends and colleagues, I may no longer be able to join you physically but you are always in my heart and in my prayers.

With my highest regards and best wishes always.

Very truly yours,

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Appendix V

Updated List of SC Members

- Liberal Party, **Australia**
- Labour Party, **Australia**
- Hon. Tahir Budagov, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Deputy Chairman of the New Azerbaijan Party - Head of the Central Office, Chairman of the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan, **Azerbaijan**
- Bangladesh *Awami* League, **Bangladesh**
- Hon. Masroor Mawla, Special Envoy for International Affairs and Presidium member of the Jatiyo Party, and former Designated Hon. Consul of *Burkina Faso*, **Bangladesh**
- Hon. Suos Yara, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, First Vice Chairman of the Commission on External Relations, Director-General of Asian Cultural Council, Chairman of the Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, and Information of the National Assembly, **Cambodia**
- HRH Prince Norodom Chakravuth, President and Chairperson of the Standing Committee of *FUNCINPEC* Party, **Cambodia**
- Hon. Sun Haiyan, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Vice Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of **China**
- *Bharatiya Janata* Party (*BJP*), **India**
- Indian National Congress, **India**
- Hon. Charles Honoris, Deputy Chairperson of Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation Body of Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (*PDI-P*), Member of Parliament in Commission (Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense), **Indonesia**
- Hon. Theo L. Sambuaga, Vice Chairperson, Patron Council of the *Golkar* Party (Party of Functional Groups), former Minister of Man Power, former Minister of Housing and Settlement, and former Chairperson of Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee of the House of Representatives, **Indonesia**
- Hon. Dr. Prof. Hossein Niknam, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Health of Iran and member of Central Committee of Islamic *Mo'talefeh Party* **Iran**
- Hon. Mohammad Reza Sarmadi, Deputy Secretary-General of International Relations and Member of the Central Committee of Islamic Labour Party, **Iran**

- Liberal Democratic Party, **Japan**

- Constitutional Democratic Party, **Japan**

- Hon. Daulet Karibek, Secretary of the *Amanat* Party, **Kazakhstan**

- Hon. Cho Jeong-sik, Member of the National Assembly (Foreign Affairs & Unification Committee), Chairperson of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the National Assembly, Secretary-General of the *Minjoo* (Democratic) Party, Chairperson of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union, Republic of **Korea**

- Hon. Shin Sung-bum, Member of the National Assembly, Chair of the Intelligence Committee, Member of the Science, ICT, Broadcasting and Communications Committee of the National Assembly, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union, People Power Party, Republic of **Korea**

- Hon. Youssef Awad, Coordinator for Asia and Overseas of Free Patriotic Movement Party, **Lebanon**

- Hon. Fadi Fawaz, Advisor for Development Affairs to H.E. Saad Hariri, former Prime Minister and Chairperson of Future Movement Party, **Lebanon**

- Hon. Dato' Seri Dr. Shahidan bin Kassim, formal Member of Parliament, former Minister of Federal Territories, former Minister in the Office of Prime Minister, *Perikatan Nasional* (*PN*), **Malaysia**

- Hon. Datuk Chong Sin Woon, Secretary-General of Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA), **Malaysia**

- Hon. Tselmuun Manlaijav, Head of the International Relations Department of the Mongolian People's Party (MPP), **Mongolia**

- Hon. Narantuya Zagdkhuu, Director of the Policy and Strategy Institute of the Democratic Party, **Mongolia**

- Hon. U Maung Myint, Member of the Central Committee of the Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP), former Union Minister of Labour, former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, **Myanmar**

- Hon. Dr. Rajan Bhattarai, Chief of the International Department and Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Nepal (*UML*), former Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister of **Nepal**

- Hon. Sujata Koirala, former Deputy Prime Minister and former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Member of Parliament and Central Committee of the Nepali Congress Party, **Nepal**

- Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Co-Chairperson and Special Rapporteur of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Chairperson of Senate Committee on Defense, former Minister of Information & Broadcasting, Pakistan Muslim League-*Nawaz* (PML-*N*), **Pakistan**

- *Lakas-CMD* Party, **Philippines**

- Hon. Andrey A. Klimov, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Member of the Bureau of the Supreme Council of the United Russia Party, Deputy Chairman of the Party Commission for International Cooperation and Support of Compatriots Abroad, Deputy Chairman of the Committee on International Affairs of Federation Council of the Federal Assembly, **Russian Federation**

- Hon. Daya Gamage, former Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment, former Vice Chairperson of the United National Party (UNP), **Sri Lanka**

- Hon. Dilan Perara, former State Minister of Highways, Member of Parliament from the Sri Lanka *Podujana Peramuna* (SLPP), **Sri Lanka**

- Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveesin, Thailand Trade Representative, Advisor to Prime Minister, Chairperson of Foreign Affairs Committee of *Pheu Thai* Party **Thailand**

- Hon. Prakob Chirakiti, former Executive Director of the Democrat Party and former Member of Parliament, **Thailand**

- Hon. Zafer Sırakaya, Deputy Chairperson of the Justice and Development Party (*AK* Parti), Chairperson for Foreign Affairs of the Party, Member of Parliament for Istanbul, **Türkiye**

- Hon. Ngo Le Van, Vice Chairperson of the Central Commission for External Relations of the Communist Party of **Vietnam**

- Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, former Director of the National Security Office, and former Chairperson of Foreign Relations Committee of the *Minjoo* (Democratic) Party, Republic of **Korea**

- Hon. Kwon Hee-seog, Secretary-General of the ICAPP, former Ambassador to Italy and Ambassador to ASEAN in Jakarta of the Republic of **Korea**

Appendix VI-1

ICAPP Statement on the Passing of H.E. Nguyễn Phú Trọng,
General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam,
Socialist Republic of Vietnam
(July 24, 2024)

We, the Members of the Standing Committee of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), are deeply saddened by the passing of His Excellency Nguyễn Phú Trọng, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, on July 19, 2024. We extend our sincere condolences and sympathies to his bereaved family, the people, and the government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on their profound loss.

H.E. Nguyễn Phú Trọng was a great leader who dedicated his whole life to serving his country with unwavering devotion. H.E. Nguyễn Phú Trọng was also a good friend of ICAPP, having personally hosted the ICAPP leadership delegation in Hanoi in 2011, where he expressed his full support for ICAPP goals. We will remember and honor his legacy of promoting close cooperation and collaboration toward peace, stability, and prosperity in our region and the globe. We pray for the speedy recovery of the people and the government during these difficult times.

Appendix VI-2

ICAPP Statement on the Terrorist Attack in Ankara
(November 01, 2024)

We, the Members of the Standing Committee the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), strongly condemn the terrorist attack at Turkish Aerospace Industries outside of Ankara on October 23, 2024, in which 5 people were killed and 22 injured.

We reiterate our position that any terrorist attack can neither be justified and tolerated, and that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security.

We condemn this heinous terrorist attack, and we also extend our deepest condolences and sympathy to the families of the victims and the people of Türkiye and wish a speedy recovery.

Appendix VII-1

Program

Thursday, November 21

Full day Arrival of Delegates at Phnom Penh International Airport
- Check-in at Hyatt Regency Phnom Penh Hotel

16:00 **Drafting Committee Meeting for the Statement on Phnom Penh Peace Declaration** chaired by **Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed**, Co-Chairperson and Special Rapporteur of the ICAPP and **H.E. Dr. Sok Siphana**, Chairman of Drafting Sub-Committee
Participants: ICAPP SC Bureau Members only
Venue: Meeting Suite 4, 2nd Floor, Hyatt Regency Phnom Penh Hotel
Dress Code: Formal

18:30 **Welcome Reception by the Host**
- **Welcome Remarks** by **H.E. Mr. Prak Sokhonn**, Chairperson of the Organizing Committee of the 12th ICAPP General Assembly (1st Vice-President of the Senate)
- **Remarks** by **Hon. Chung Eui-yong**, Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee

Venue: Regency Ball Room, L Floor Hyatt Regency Phnom Penh Hotel
Dress Code: Formal/National Costume

20:30 **42nd Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee** (SC Members Only)
- Keynote Remarks by **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen**, President of the Cambodian People's Party and Honorary President of the 12th ICAPP General Assembly

Venue: Meeting Suite 2, L Floor, Hyatt Regency Phnom Penh Hotel
Dress Code: Formal

Friday, November 22

08:00 Arrival of Delegations
08:20 Arrival of VVIP Delegations
08:30 Courtesy Call on **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen**, President of the Cambodian People's Party and Honorary President of the 12th ICAPP General Assembly and **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet**, Vice-President of the Cambodian People's Party and President of the 12th ICAPP General Assembly (Attended by **Samdech Kitti Sangahapundit Men Sam An**, **H.E Mr. Prak Sokhonn**, **H.E. Mr. Ouch Borith**, **H.E. Sry Thamrong, H.E. Mr. Mam Sarin, H.E Mr. Suos Yara, and H.E. Huot Pum)**
Participants: ICAPP SC Members only
Venue: Room 420, 4th Floor, Vimean 7Makara
Dress Code: Formal

09:00 **Opening Session**
- National Anthem
- Performance
- **Video on the Introduction of ICAPP**
- **Welcoming Remarks** by **H.E. Mr. Suos Yara**, Vice-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, and Chairman of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Information of the National Assembly of Cambodia
- **Opening Remarks** by **Hon. Chung Eui-yong**, Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee
- **Report on the Major Activities of the ICAPP During 2022-2024** by **Hon. Kwon Hee-seog**, Secretary General of the ICAPP
- **Election of the Bureau of the 12th ICAPP General Assembly** by **Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed**, Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee
- **Keynote Remarks and Declaration of the Opening of the 12th ICAPP General Assembly** by **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet**, Vice-President of the Cambodian People's Party, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and President of the 12th ICAPP General Assembly
- **Congratulatory Remarks** by Special guests of the Host:
  Reading of the Letter from H.E. Ilham Aliyev, Chairperson of New Azerbaijan Party, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
  H.E. Mrs. Pany Yathotou, Vice President of the Lao PDR
  H.E. Mr. Tran Thanh Man, President of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam
  Hon. Andrés Pastrana Arango, former President of Colombia and President of the Centrist Democrat International (CDI), Colombia
  Hon. Zafer Sirakaya, Deputy Chairperson of the Justice and Development Party (*AK* Parti) of the Republic of Türkiye
- **Special Remarks** by **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen**, President of the Cambodian People's Party and Honorary President of the 12th ICAPP General Assembly

Venue: Conference Hall, 5th Floor, Vimean 7Makara
Dress Code: Formal

10:20 Group-photo Session
(all heads of delegations)
Venue: 1st Floor, Vimean 7Makara

10:30 Coffee Break

11:30 **1st Plenary Session,** Co-chaired by **H.E. Hun Many**, Permanent Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Minister of Civil Service, Cambodia and **Hon. Sun Haiyan** Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, China
- Rapporteur: **Hon. Dr. Rajan Bhattarai**, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Nepal
- **Topic:** *"A Quest for Peace and Reconciliation*

Venue: Conference Hall, 5th Floor, Vimean 7Makara
Dress Code: Formal

13:00 **Lunch**
Venue: Room 211 and Room 212, 2nd Floor, Vimean 7Makara

14:20 **2nd Plenary Session**, Co-chaired by **Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed**, Co-Chairperson and Special Rapporteur of the ICAPP**,** Pakistan and **Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveesin**, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Thailand
- Rapporteur: **HRH Prince Norodom Chakravuth**, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Kingdom of Cambodia
- **Topic:** *"A Quest for Peace and Reconciliation"*

Venue: Conference Hall, 5th Floor, Vimean 7Makara
Dress Code: Formal

15:30 Coffee Break

15:45 **Roundtable Discussion among Political Parties from Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe**
Chaired by **H.E. Dr. Ing Kantha Phavi**, Minister of Women's Affairs of the Kingdom of Cambodia
Venue: Room 7Makara, 1st Floor, Vimean 7Makara
Dress Code: Formal

17:15 **Signing Ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between:**
- ICAPP and International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace (IPTP)
- ICAPP and ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)

Venue: Room 7Makara, 1st Floor, Vimean 7Makara
Dress Code: Formal

19:00 **Gala Dinner** hosted by **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen**, President of the Cambodian People's Party and Honorary President of the 12th ICAPP General Assembly
Venue: Grand Ball, Sokha Phnom Penh Hotel
Dress Code: Business Formal (without tie)/Traditional

Saturday, November 23

08:30 **3rd Plenary Session**, Co-chaired by **Hon. Andrey Klimov**, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Russia and **Hon. Theo Sambuaga**, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Indonesia
- Rapporteur: **Hon. Fadi Fawaz**, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Lebanon
- **Topic:** *"A Quest for Peace and Reconciliation"*

Venue: Conference Hall, 5th Floor, Vimean 7Makara
Dress Code: Formal

08:30 **3rd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC)**
- **Topic:** *"Cultural Diversity for Promoting Peace and Reconciliation"*
Venue: Room 207, 2nd Floor, Vimean 7Makara
Dress Code: Formal

08:30 **7th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum**
- **Topic:** *"Fighting Fake News in the Digital Age to Maintain Peace"*
Venue: 1st Floor, 7 Vimean 7Makara
Dress Code: Formal

10:00 **Closing Session** Chaired by **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet**, President of the 12th ICAPP General Assembly and Vice-President of the Cambodian People's Party
- **Report on the Outcome of the Plenary Sessions** by **Hon. Kwon Hee-seog**, Secretary General of ICAPP
- **Report of the Outcome of the Roundtables** by **H.E. Dr. Ing Kantha Phavi**, Minister of Women's Affairs of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- **Report on the Outcome of the 3rd Meeting of Asian Cultural Council** by **H.E Dr. Phoeurng Sackona**, Minister of Culture and Fine Arts of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- **Report on the Outcome of the 7th Meeting of Media Forum** by **H.E. Mr. Neth Pheaktra**, Minister of Information of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- **Reading and Adoption of the Phnom Penh Peace Declaration by Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed**, Co-Chairperson and Special Rapporteur of the ICAPP
- **Closing Remarks** by **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet**, Vice-President of the Cambodian People's Party and President of the 12th ICAPP General Assembly
- **Announcement of the ICAPP Asian Century Award** and the Host of the 13th General Assembly in 2026 by **Hon. Chung Eui-yong**, Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee
- **Words of Thanks** by **Hon. Cho Jeong-sik**, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee of the *Minjoo* (Democratic) Party and **Hon. Kwon Young-jin**, Member of the National Assembly, People Power Party, **Republic** of Korea
- **Video on the Introduction of Korea**

Venue: Conference Hall, 5th Floor, Vimean 7Makara
Dress Code: Formal

11:45 **Press Conference**
Participants: 12th GA Bureau Members and the ICAPP SC Bureau Members only
Venue: Room 7Makara, 1st Floor, Vimean 7Makara
Dress Code: Formal

12:30 **Lunch**
Venue: Hayatt Regency Phnom Penh Hotel

14:30 **City Tour** (Optional)
Venue: Legal Documentation Centre relating to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (LDC) and Win-Win Monument (Optional)

18:30 **Dinner**
Venue: Hayatt Regency Phnom Penh Hotel

Sunday, November 24

Full day **Departure of Delegates**

Appendix VII-2

List of Participants

I. Political Parties (49 Political Parties from 27 Countries)

Azerbaijan, Republic of

1. **New Azerbaijan Party (2)**
   - **Hon. Tahir Budagov**, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Deputy Chairman, and Head of the Central Office of the Party
   - **Mr. Nizami Mammadov**, Advisor to the Department of International Relations and Humanitarian Affairs of the Central Office of the Party

Bangladesh, People's Republic of

2. ***Jatiya* Party (2)**
   - **Hon. Masroor Mawla**, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Special Envoy of the International and Presidium Member of the Party
   - **Mr. MD Alahan Uddin**, ICT Affairs Secretary of the Party, Joint Editor of the Daily Banglabhumi, and CEO of the Air Elan International

3. **Bangladesh Nationalist Party (1)**
   - **Mr. Mahbub Alam**, Senior Vice-President of the International Wing in Malaysia

Cambodia, Kingdom of

4. **Cambodian People's Party (CPP) (45)**
   - **Samdech Men Sam An**, Vice President of the Cambodian People's Party
   - **Hon. Prak Sokhonn**, Permanent Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party, First Vice President of the Senate, and Chairperson of the Organizing Committee of the 12th ICAPP General Assembly
   - **Hon. Sun Chanthol**, Permanent Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Deputy Prime Minister
   - **Hon. Hangchuon Naron**, Permanent Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Minister of Education, Youth, and Sports
   - **Hon. Say Samal**, Permanent Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Minister of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction
   - **Hon. Koeut Rith**, Permanent Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Minister of Justice
   - **Hon. Vongsey Vissoth**, Permanent Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers
   - **Hon. Om Yentieng**, Permanent Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and President of the Anti-Corruption Unit
   - **Hon. Ouch Borith**, Permanent Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Second President of Senate
   - **Hon. Chea Serey**, Permanent Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Governor of the National Bank of Cambodia

- **Hon. Hun Many**, Permanent Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Minister of Civil Service
- **Hon. Som Soeun**, Permanent Committee Member and Chairperson of the Nomination Committee of the Cambodian People's Party
- **Hon. Suos Yara**, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Central Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party, First Chairman of the External Relations of the Cambodian People's Party, and Chairman of the Secretariat for the Organizing Committee of the 12th ICAPP General Assembly
- **Hon. Dr. Sok Siphanna**, Senior Minister, Central Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party, and Chairperson of the Drafting Sub-Committee of the 12th General Assembly
- **Hon. Mam Sarin**, Central Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and the Head of the Cabinet of the Cambodian People's Party
- **Hon. Tak Sun Y**, Central Committee Member and Chairperson of the Propaganda Committee of the Cambodian People's Party
- **Hon. Chem Widhya**, Central Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Chairman of the Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, Media and Information of Senate
- **Hon. Dr. Ing Kantha Phavi**, Central Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Minister of Women's Affairs
- **Hon. Dr. Phoeurng Sackona**, Central Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Minister of Culture and Fine Arts
- **Hon. Neth Pheaktra**, Central Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Minister of Information
- **Hon. Sok Soken**, Central Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Youth Wing, and Minister of Inspection
- **Hon. Eat Sophea**, Central Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- **Hon. Kem Sambath**, Central Committee Member and Vice Chairman of the External Relations of the Cambodian People's Party
- **Hon. Chhair Sokty**, Central Committee Member and Vice Chairman of the External Relations of the Cambodian People's Party
- **Hon. Pen Bona**, Central Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Chief of the Government Spokesperson Unit
- **Hon. Kung Phoak**, Central Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- **Hon. Huot Pum**, Central Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Secretary of State of the Office of the Council of Ministers
- **Hon. Un Kheang**, Central Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- **Hon. Phat Kosal**, Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Secretary of State of the Office of the Council of Ministers
- **Hon. Dr. Chheng Kimlong**, Central Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and President of the Asian Vision Institute

- **Hon. Pech Sokhem**, Member of the Cambodian People's Party
- **Hon. Huy Vannak**, Central Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Secretary of State of the Office of the Council of Ministers
- **Hon. Seng Menghong**, Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Secretary of State of the Ministry of Inspection
- **Hon. Dr. Chap Sotharith**, Central Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Secretary of State of Inspection
- **Hon. Dr. Eng Kokthay**, Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Secretary of State of the Office of the Council of Ministers
- **Hon. Yeap Samnang**, Member of the Cambodian People's Party
- **Hon. Khiev Sambath**, Central Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party
- **Hon. Nguonphan Pheakdey**, Member of the Cambodian People's Party
- **Hon. Ney Sam Ol**, Member of the Cambodian People's Party and Director General Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- **H.E. Helen Jarvis,** Advisor to the Royal Government of Cambodia
- **Hon. Lim Sreynith**, Central Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party
- **Mr. Lim Hokseng**, Member of the Cambodian People's Party
- **Mr. Lim Menghour**, Member of the Cambodian People's Party
- **Ms. Pov Yousim**, Member of the Cambodian People's Party
- **Mr. Thorng Cheyveasna**, Member of the Cambodian People's Party

5. *FUNCINPEC* Party (18)

- **HRH Prince Norodom Chakravuth**, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, President and Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the Party, and Member of Parliament
- **HRH Princess Norodom Rattana-Devi**, Vice President of the Party
- **Hon. Sambo Aing**, Secretary General of the Party, Member of Parliament
- **Hon. Raden Nhoeurn**, Spokesperson and Member of Parliament
- **Hon. Chamroeun Cheoung**, Vice President
- **Hon. Haklim Heng**, Senator
- **Hon. Bondol Kong**, Member of Parliament
- **Hon. Channak Neang**, Member of Parliament
- **Hon. Dr. Bunrouen Thach**, Advisor
- **Hon. Dany Leng**, Adviser
- **Hon. Channa Chin**, Adviser
- **Hon. Vuthy Ouk**, Adviser
- **Hon. Nara Sam**, Adviser
- **Hon. Thearith Ka**, Adviser
- **Hon. Sovanna Yan**, Adviser
- **Hon. Savoeun Moen**, Adviser

- **Hon. Laoprapey Kao**, Adviser
- **Mr. Dr. Sreang Heak**, Assistant

China, People's Republic of

6. Communist Party of China (CPC) (9)

- **Hon. Sun Haiyan**, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Vice Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Party
- **Hon. Lin Tao**, Vice Director General
- **Hon. Liang Bihan**, Director
- **Ms. Wang Yumei**, First Secretary
- **Ms. Jin Yan**, Second Secretary
- **Ms. Xiong Wenxue**, Third Secretary
- **Mr. Wu Chuanbing**, Counsellor
- **Mr. Sun Yi**, Attache
- **Ms. Weng Yinshan**, Attache

Georgia, Republic of

7. Georgia Labour Party (2)

- **Mr. Beka Natelashvili**, International Secretary of the Party
- **Mr. Davit Mishelashvili**, Member of the Foreign Affairs Department of the Party

India, Republic of

8. *Samajwadi* Party (2)

- **Hon. Dr. Abhishek Mishra**, former Cabinet Minister and Member of Legislative Assembly
- **Dr. Swati A. Mishra**, former Professor IIM Lucknow

Indonesia, Republic of

9. Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (*PDI–P*) (2)

- **Mr. Hanjaya Setiwan**, Director of the Foreign Affairs of the Party
- **Ms. Arnita**, Head of International Relations of the Party

10. *Golkar* Party (3)

- **Hon. Theo L. Sambuaga,** Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Vice Chairperson, Patron Council of the Party, former Minister of Man Power, and former Minister of Housing and Settlement
- **Ms. Diana Widyastuti**, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing
- **Mr. Giffary Argyarama**, Assistant to Hon. Theo Sambuaga

11. Prosperous Justice Party (2)

- **Hon. Almuzzammil Muhammad Yusuf**, Member of Parliament and Chairman of the Politics, Law and Security Affairs of the Party

- **Hon. Sigit Puspito Wigati Jarot,** Deputy Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Agency of the Party

Iran, Islamic Republic of

12. *Islamic Motalefeh* Party (1)

- **Mr. Alireza Ghafoori Fard**, Member of the Board and CEO of the Foundation for Islamic Development

Iraq, Republic of

13. Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) (4)

- **Hon. Hoshyar Siwaily**, Head of the Foreign Relations Office of the Party- Kurdistan Region-Iraq
- **Mr. Abdulsalam Ibrahim Abdullah Zebari,** Head of the Eurasian Desk of the Party's Foreign Relations Office - Kurdistan Region-Iraq
- **Ms. Dyary Sherwany Ahmad Hasan**, Member of the Media Board and Member of Eurasian Desk of the Foreign Relations Office of the Party- Kurdistan Region – Iraq
- **Mr. Shkar Othman**, Member of the Media Board of the Party

Japan

14. Japanese Communist Party (JCP) (4)

- **Hon. Kazuo Shii**, Member of House of Representatives and Chairperson of Central Committee of the Party
- **Hon. Yasuo Ogata**, Vice Chairperson and Member of the Executive Committee, Chairperson of the International Commission of the Party, and former Member of the House of Councilors
- **Hon. Toshiya Kobayashi**, Deputy Director of International Commission of the Party
- **Mr. Makoto Omokawa**, Member of the International Commission of the Party and Chief of the Hanoi Bureau at AKAHATA Newspaper

Kazakhstan, Republic of

15. *AK Zhol* Democratic Party (2)

- **Hon. Ulan Kozybakov,** Chairman of the *Aktobe* Regional Branch of the Party
- **Mr. Dulat Kuashbayev**, Director of *Bolashak* Higher College

Korea, Republic of

16. The *Minjoo* (Democratic) Party (5)

- **Hon. Cho Jeong-sik**, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Member of the National Assembly, Chairperson of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union, and Member of the Foreign Affairs and Unification Committee
- **Hon. Kang Hoon-sik**, Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Media Forum, Member of the National Assembly, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union, and Member of the National Policy Committee
- **Hon. Back Hye-ryun**, Member of the National Assembly and Member of the Health and Welfare Committee

- **Hon. Park Sang-hyuk**, Member of the National Assembly and Member of the National Policy Committee
- **Mr. Lee Chang-hoon**, Secretary of Hon. Cho Jeong-sik

17. People Power Party (4)

- **Hon. Kwon Young-jin**, Member of the National Assembly, Vice Chairperson of the Land, Infrastructure and Transport Committee, Member of the House Steering Committee, and Chairperson of the 2nd Policy Coordination Committee of the Party
- **Hon. Kang Min-kuk**, Member of the National Assembly, Vice Chairperson of the National Policy Committee, and Member of the House Steering Committee
- **Hon. Kang Seung-kyoo**, Member of the National Assembly, Member of the Trade, Industry, Energy, SMEs and Startups Committee, Member of the Special Committee on Budget and Accounts Committee, and Member of the House Steering Committee
- **Mr. Lee Kun-ho**, International Cooperation Officer of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the National Assembly of Korea

Laos, People's Democratic Republic of

18. Lao People's Revolutionary Party (LPRP) (9)

- **Hon. Valaxay Lengsavad**, Vice Chairman of the Committee for External Relations of the Central Committee of the Party
- **Mr. Vanghue Nengmongvang**, Acting Director General of the Research and Multilateral Relations Department, Committee for External Relations of the Central Committee of the Party
- **Mr. Viraxay Vansilom**, Deputy Director General of International Relations, President's Office of the Party
- **Ms. Champhone Vongsa**, Deputy Director General of the Arts and Culture Department, Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism of the Party
- **Ms. Somsanook Chanthapanya**, Director of the Protocol Division, President's Office of the Party
- **Ms. Naly Norsakpaseuth**, Personal Doctor of the Vice president, *Mahosod* Hospital
- **Mrs. Khanhpaseuth Svengsucksa**, Officer of the Research and Multilateral Relations Department, Committee for External Relations of the Central Committee of the Party
- **Mr. Souliya Khamphilavong**, Assistant Secretary of the Vice President of the Party
- **Mr. Khounthavi Soudthichak**, Secretary of the Vice Chairman of the Committee for External Relations of the Central Committee of the Party

Lebanon, Republic of

19. Free Patriotic Movement Party (1)

- **Hon. Youssef Awad**, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Coordinator for Asia and Overseas of the Party

20. Future Movement Party (1)

- **Hon. Fadi Fawaz**, Member of ICAPP Standing Committee and Advisor to H.E. Saad Hariri, former Prime Minister

Malaysia

21. Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA) (2)

- **Hon. Siaw Ting Wong**, Chairman of the International Affairs and Diplomacy Bureau
- **Hon. Dr. Tee Ching Seng**, Deputy Chairman of the International Affairs and Diplomacy Bureau

Maldives, Republic of

22. People's National Congress (PNC) (2)

- **Hon. Mohamed Nimal**, Vice President of the Party
- **Ms. Zeenaz Adnan**, Secretary General of the Party

23. Maldivian Democratic Party (2)

- **Hon. Ms. Shaazly Shafeeg**, Secretary General
- **Ms. Maryam Zubair**, Development Executive of the Party

Mongolia

24. Mongolian People's Party (MPP) (3)

- **Hon. Altai Khangai**, International Secretary of the Party
- **Ms. Ulziijargal Sukhbaatar**, Head of the Foreign Relations Division of the Party
- **Mr. Bayarkhuu Ganjav**, Head of the Media and Digital Communication Department of the Party

Myanmar, Republic of the Union of

25. Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) (3)

- **Hon. U Khin Yi**, Chairman of the Party
- **Mr. Myint Ko Ko**, Member of the Central Executive Committee of the Party
- **Mr. Htet Yan Naing Soe**, Interpreter and Member of the Party

Nepal

26. Communist Party of Nepal (UML) (2)

- **Hon. Raghubir Mahaseth,** Member of Parliament, Central Secretary of the Party, Chief of the Foreign Affairs Department, and former Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister
- **Hon. Dr. Rajan Bhattarai**, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee and former Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister

27. *Nepali Congress* Party (2)

- **Hon. Sujata Koirala**, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Member of Parliament, Member of the Central Committee of the Nepali Congress Party, former Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister
- **Mr. Dibya Mani Rajbhandari**, former Member of Parliament

28. Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist Centre) (1)

- **Mr. Gokarn Prakash Bhatt**, Member of the Central Committee of the Party

29. *Rashtriya Prajatantra* Party (2)

- **Hon. Uddhab Poudel**, Vice Chairperson of the Party
- **Mr. Kedar Bahadur Adhikari,** Central Member and Chief Secretary of the Party

30. People's Socialist Party, Nepal (PSP-N) (1)

- **Mr. Bharat Gurung**, International Secretary

31. Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Socialist) (2)

- **Mr. Dr. Shankar Prasad Khatiwada**, Secretary of the International Department of the Party
- **Mr. Bir Bahadur Tamang**, Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities

32. *Janamat* Party (1)

- **Hon. Chandra Raut**, National President of the Party

33. Nepal Family Party (3)

- **Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal**, President of the Party
- **Mr. Jitendra Shrestha**, Assistant
- **Mr. Hajime Saito**, Assistant

Pakistan, Islamic Republic of

34. Pakistan Muslim League (*N*) (PML-*N*) (3)

- **Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed**, Co-Chairperson and Special Rapporteur of the ICAPP Standing Committee, and Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Defense
- **Mr. Mustafa Hyder Sayed,** Executive Director of the Pakistan-China Institute
- **Mr. Saddam Munawer**, Central Media Coordinator

35. Pakistan People's Party (PPP) (1)

- **Ms. Mahwish Sheikh**, Pakistan People's Party Lawyer's Forum Coordinator Middle East

Philippines, Republic of

36. *Lakas CMD* Party (5)

- **Hon. Christopher V.P. de Venecia**, Representative of the 4th District of *Pangasinan*, House of Representatives
- **Mr. Aldwin Requejo**, Special Assistant to ICAPP Founder and Chairman Emeritus Jose de Venecia and Chief of Staff of Congressman Christopher V.P. de Venecia
- **Mr. John Michael Campos**, Chief Legislative Officer
- **Mr. Marc Anton Vertulfo**, Political Affairs Officer
- **Mr. Luis Mari Grana**, Political Affairs Officer

Russian Federation

37. United Russian Party (3)

- **Hon Andrey Klimov**, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Member of

Bureau of the Supreme Council of the United Russia Party, Deputy Chairman of the Party Commission for International Cooperation and Support of Compatriots abroad, Deputy Chairman of the Committee on International Affairs of Federation Council of the Federal Assembly

- **Ms. Valeriya Gorokhova,** Head of International Relations Department of the Party
- **Ms. Tatiana Nazaruk,** Advisor of International Relations Department of the Party

38. Russian Socialist Party (2)

- **Mr. Aleksandr Romanovich**, Plenipotentiary on International Affairs
- **Mr. Vsevolod Salomatov,** Chief of the International Relations Department

Singapore, Republic of

39. Singapore People's Party (1)

- **Mr. Mohamed Fazli Talip**, Member of the Central Executive Committee of the Party

40. Reform Party (1)

- **Mr. Mahaboob Batcha**, Treasurer

Thailand, Kingdom of

41. *Pheu Thai* Party (2)

- **Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveesin**, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Advisor to the Prime Minister and Trade Representative of Thailand
- **Mr. Sakditat Potranandana**, Trade Official

42. *Democrat* Party (3)

- **Ms. Dr. Pimrapee Phanwichatikul**, former Member of the House of Representatives
- **Mr. Nattakarn Chuchana,** Assistant to Member of the House of Representatives, H.E. Chuan Leekpai
- **Mr. Panuchart Laorungrat,** Assistant to Ms. Dr. Pimrapee Phawichatikul

Türkiye, Republic of

43. Justice and Development Party (*AK Parti*) (2)

- **Hon. Zafer Sirakaya**, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Vice Chairperson of the Party, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs of the Party, and Member of Parliament
- **Ms. Mehlika Ozge**, Expert of Foreign Affairs of the Party

Uzbekistan, Republic of

44. Uzbekistan Liberal Democratic Party (2)

- **Hon. Bakhtiyar Yakubov**, Vice Chairman of the Party
- **Hon. Sardorbek Maripov**, Head of the Department

45. Uzbekistan *Milliy Tiklanish* (National Revival) Democratic Party (UzMTDP) (3)

- **Hon. Firuza Muxamedjanova**, Deputy Chairman of the Central Council on Issues of

Increasing Social and Political Activity of Women and Young People

- **Ms. Nargiza Xamidova**, Head of the Research and Analysis Center of the Office of the Executive Committee of the Central Council of the Party
- **Nodir Mukhtorov**, Expert of the Party

46. Justice Social Democratic Party (2)

- **Hon. Islom Khamrayev**, Deputy Chairman of the Political Party Council for Information and Social Communications
- **Hon. Raykhona Urmanova**, Head of the Department for Increasing the Social and Legal activity of Women.

47. People's Democratic Party of Uzbekistan (2)

- **Hon. Vafayev Ulugbek Nazarovich,** Deputy Chairman of the Central Council of the Party
- **Hon. Kurbanov Abrorjon Akbaralievich,** Head of the Department of the Central Council of the Party

48. Ecological Party of Uzbekistan (2)

- **Hon. Oybek Rakhimov**, Deputy Head of the Party
- **Hon. Kamol Jumaniyozov**, Deputy Head of the Party

Vietnam, Socialist Republic of

49. Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV) (9)

- **Hon. Y Thanh Ha Niê Kđăm**, Chairman of the National Assembly's Ethnic Council
- **Hon. Vu Hai Ha**, Member of the Central Committee of the Party and Chairman of the National Assembly's Foreign Affairs
- **Hon. Nguyen Thi Hoang Van**, Vice Chairperson of the Commission for External Relation and Central Committee of the Party
- **Hon. Le Thu Ha**, Vice Chairperson of the National Assembly's Foreign Affairs Committee
- **Hon. Nguyen Hoang Hai**, Assistant to H.E. Tran Thanh Man, President of the National Assembly
- **Mr. Le Thanh Tung**, Deputy Director General of the General Political Affairs and Research Department, Commission for External Relations, and Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam.
- **Mr. Nguyen Thanh Chinh**, Deputy Director General of the Laos-Cambodia Department, Commission for External Relations, and Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam.
- **Mr. Tran Nam Ha**, Desk Officer of the Laos-Cambodia Department, Commission for External Relations, and Central Committee
- **Mrs. Nguyen Hoang Lan**, Desk Officer of the General Political Affairs and Research Department, Commission for External Relations, and Central Committee

II. Office of the Chairperson of the ICAPP (1)

- **Hon. Chung Eui-yong**, Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, former Director of the Office of National Security, former Chairperson of Foreign Relations Committee of the *Minjoo* (Democratic) Party, Republic of Korea

III. Special Guests (4)

Cambodia, Kingdom of (2)

- **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen**, President of the Cambodian People's Party, Honorary President of the 12th ICAPP General Assembly, and President of the Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet**, President of the 12th ICAPP General Assembly, Vice-President of the CPP, and Prime Minister

Laos, People's Democratic Republic of (1)

- **Hon. Pany Yathotou**, Vice President of Lao PDR

Vietnam, Socialist Republic of (1)

- **Hon. Trần Thanh Mẫn,** President of National Assembly, Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV)

IV. Special Participants (10)

Ambassadors

- **Hon. Shovgi Mehdizada**, Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Cambodia
- **Hon. Kanat Tumysh**, Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Cambodia and **Mrs. Leila Tumysh**, Spouse of Hon. Kanat Tumysh
- **Hon. Anatoly Borovik**, Ambassador of Russia in Cambodia, accompanying by **Mr. Aleksadr Borisov**, Counsellor, **Ms. Sofia Oborskaia**, Attaché, and **Mr. Igor Karavaev**, Minister-Counsellor.
- **Hon. Milena Caridad Zaldivar**, Ambassador of Cuba to Cambodia, accompanying by **Mr. Yoneski Armenteros Gutierrez**, First Secretary, Cuban Embassy to Cambodia, and **Mr. Thet Bunthourn**, Secretary, Cuban Embassy to Cambodia

V. Observers (31)

V-A. Political Parties from Other Regions (9 Political Parties from 8 Countries)

AFRICA (3)

Angola, Republic of

1. ***UNITA* Party (1)**
   - **Mr. Oliveira Francisco**, National Secretary for Mobilization of JURA.

Kenya, Republic of

2. **United Democratic Alliance (2)**
   - **Hon. Leah Manyarkiy**, Member of the National Executive Committee of the United Democratic Alliance
   - **Mr. Kenneth Bii**, Logistics Manager

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (11)

Argentine Republic

3. **Pro Party (2)**
   - **Hon. Alexander Malcolm Campbell**, Senator in the Regional Parliament of the Province of Buenos Aires
   - **Hon. Diego Martin Cagliolo**, Member of the International Relations Department of the Party

Cuba, Republic of

4. **Communist Party of Cuba (1)**
   - **Mrs. Hernandez Portales Nieves Iliana**, Chief of Coordinator for the Global South Region Bureau of the International Relations Department PCC Central Committee

Chile, Republic of

5. **Demócratas Party of Chile (1)**
   - **Hon. Gozalo Mardones**, Chief of Staff of the Party

Colombia, Republic of

6. **New Democratic Force (*Nueva Fuerza Democrática*) (1)**
   - **Hon. Diego Roberto de la Asuncion**, Advisor

Dominican Republic

7. **Modern Revolutionary Party (PRM) (1)**
   - **Mr. Ricardo Polanco**, Coordinator of the COPPPAL Admissions Committee

Mexico

8. **Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) (2)**
   - **Hon. José Alberto Aguilar**, Vice President of North America of the COPPPAL
   - **Mr. Jorge Garcia**, Deputy Executive Secretary of the COPPPAL

9. ***PAN* Party (3)**
   - **Hon. Raul Torres Guerrero**, Member of the Mexican Congress
   - **Hon. Martinez Fisher Maria**, National Secretary for Training and Education
   - **Hon. Aurora Espina**, Representative of the Youth Organization

V-B. Other Political Institutions (15)

1. **Centrist Democrat International (CDI) (5)**
   - **Hon. Andrés Pastrana Arango**, former President of Colombia and President of the Centrist Democrat International (CDI)
   - **Ms. Teresa Eugenia Alonso De La Florida Casal**, Head of the CDI Secretariat, Kingdom of **Spain**
   - **Mr. Luis Fernando Blanco Correia**, General Coordinator of the CDI, Kingdom of **Spain**
   - **Ms. Ines Victoria**, Secretariat Officer of the CDI, Kingdom of **Spain**
   - **Mr. Francesco Jose Aziz**, Senior Political Advisor of the CDI

2. **ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) (2)**
   - **Hon. Siti Rozaimeriyanty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman**, Secretary General of the AIPA, Republic of **Indonesia**
   - **Hon. Putri Maha Lima**, Deputy Secretary General of the AIPA, Republic of **Indonesia**

3. **Permanent Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean (COPPPAL) (2)**
   - **Ms. Sofia Carvajal**, Executive Secretary, **Mexico**
   - **Mr. Jose Luis Perez**, Assistant to Ms. Sofia Carvajal, **Mexico**

4. **Global Council for Tolerance and Peace (GCTP) (2)**
   - **H.E. Ahmed Aljarwan**, President of the GCTP, **United Arab Emirates**
   - **Mr. Prof. Dr. Zoran Ilievski**, Head of the Office, Republic of **North Macedonia**

5. **Non-Aligned Movement Parliamentary Network (NAM PN) (1)**
   - **Ms. Konul Nurullayeva**, Representative of the Azerbaijani Chairmanship to the NAM PN and Member of the Parliament, Republic of **Azerbaijan**

6. **Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC) (1)**
   - **Hon. Asaf Hajiyev,** Secretary General, Republic of **Azerbaijan**

7. **National Unity Party in Northern Cyprus (2)**
   - **Hon. Oguzhan Hasipoglu**, General Secretary of the Party and Member of Parliament, National Unity Party (UBP)
   - **Mr. Ahmet Savaşan**, Member of Parliament

V-C. Other Organizations (2)

1. **International Association of Parliamentarian for Peace (IAPP) (1)**
   - **Hon. Yang Chang-shik,** Chairman, **United States of America**

2. **Washington Times Foundation (1)**
   - **Mr. Dr. Michael Jenkins**, President of the Washington Times Holding, **United States of America**

VI. Journalists (16)

Azerbaijan

1. ***Yeni* TV (1)**
   - **Ms. Nurlana Mehdiyeva**, Presenter at the *Yeni* TV

Cambodia, Kingdom of

2. **Radio FM 88.25 Mhz (1)**
   - **Mr. Vannak Touch**, Reporter

Indonesia, Republic of

3. ***Bandar Nusantara* (1)**
   - **Ms. Ranny Natasha Nschotschi Supusepa**, Journalist

Iran, Islamic Republic of

4. **"Forty two" Magazine (1)**
   - **Mr. Mohammadmahdi Tinaitehrani**, Managing Director of "forty two" magazine

Kazakhstan, Republic of

5. **Azattyq Ruhy News Agency (1)**
   - **Ms. Aizhan Monkebayeva**, Correspondent

Korea, Republic of

6. **MBN (Maeil Broadcasting Network) (1)**
   - **Ms. Kim, Hee Kyong**, Head of Digital News Department and Editorialist

Lebanon, Republic of

7. **MTV (1)**
   - **Ms. Christelle Saade**, Presenter

Mongolia

8. **Tenger Television (1)**
   - **Ms. Uguumur Ochirkhuyag**, Journalist

Myanmar, Republic of the Union of

9. **Popular News Journal (1)**
   - **Mr. Khin Maung Aye,** Journalist

10. **Prime Media (1)**
    - **Mr. Htet Wai Toe**, Journalist

Nepal, Federal Democratic Republic of

11. *Gorkhapatra* National Daily (1)

- **Mr. Narad Muni Gautam**, Deputy Executive Editor

Pakistan, Islamic Republic of

12. Daily Jang (1)

- **Mr. Tahir Khalil**, Co-Chairperson of ICAPP Media Forum, Chief Reporter

Russia

13. Rossiya Segodnya Russian Media Group (1)

- **Mr. Alan Bulkaty,** Deputy Chief of International Information Department

Sri Lanka

14. VFM RADIO (1)

- **Mr. Don Manuwelge Suraj Chathuranga Alwis**, Chief Operation Officer

Türkiye, Republic of

15. Daily *Sabah* (1)

- **Ms. Dilara Aslan**, Ankara Bureau Chief at Daily Sabah

Vietnam, Socialist Republic of (1)

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- **Mr. Nghiep Chuc**, Reporter

VII. ICAPP Secretariat (4)

- **Hon. Kwon Hee-seog**, Secretary-General, former Ambassador to Italy and Ambassador to ASEAN in Jakarta of the Republic of Korea
- **Ms. Park Hyun-ryang**, Director
- **Ms. Na Gi-ryoung**, Program Officer
- **Ms. Ha Soo-min** Program Officer

Appendix VII-3

Conference Procedures

1. The official language of the 12th General Assembly (the 12th GA) shall be English. However, if any delegation or observer provides its own interpreter, who can simultaneously interpret its native language into English, the host will provide facilities for simultaneous interpretation.

2. A Chairperson and five (5) Vice Chairpersons of the 12th GA will be elected at the Opening Ceremony. The list of candidates for the Bureau of the 12th GA will be prepared and submitted by the ICAPP Standing Committee for its adoption at the 12th GA. In this regard, Chairperson of the 12th GA will be nominated by the host in accordance with the ICAPP tradition. Five (5) Vice Chairpersons will be nominated by the ICAPP Standing Committee (SC) in consideration of geographic balance of the region, of whom the First Vice Chairperson will be nominated by the host. The Chairperson, and Vice Chairpersons upon the request from the Chairperson, will preside over the sessions of the 12th GA and other meetings.

3. Heads of Delegations, Heads of Observer Delegations, and Special Participants will be invited to deliver their keynote speeches at the plenary sessions of the 12th GA on the theme of **"*A Quest for Peace and Reconciliation*"** Their speeches should not exceed three (3) minutes each for the smooth conduct of the conference. The list of speakers will be prepared and circulated by the ICAPP Secretariat at the beginning of each plenary session.

   In this regard, all delegates are requested to take note that, at the 13th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee held in Kunming, China in July 2010, an understanding was reached that all representatives and observers at ICAPP meetings should refrain from raising any issues directly related to bilateral conflicts or disputes among the countries in the region.

   The copies of speeches, in English, should be submitted electronically (by email) to the ICAPP Secretariat at secretariat@theicapp.org for publication of the report of the 12th GA. Otherwise, speeches will not be included in the final report.

4. The meetings of the 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum, 3rd Meeting of the Asia Cultural Council, Roundtable Meeting among Political Parties from Africa, Latin America, and Europe, and the 42nd ICAPP SC Meeting will be held separately on the sidelines of the 12th GA.

   Presentations at the 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum or the 3rd Meeting of the Asia Cultural Council (ACC) should not exceed three (3) minutes each to ensure the smooth conduct of the meetings. The copies of the speeches, in English, should also be submitted electronically to the ICAPP Secretariat for inclusion in the final reports of each meeting .

5. The Phnom Penh Peace Declaration will be adopted and read at the Closing Ceremony. The first draft of the declaration will be prepared by the ICAPP Standing Committee and circulated among all the delegations at the beginning of the 12th GA. In this regard, a list of candidates for the Drafting Committee shall be prepared by ICAPP Secretariat in consultation with the Organizing Committee, and to be elected by the ICAPP Standing Committee at the 42nd ICAPP SC Meeting.

Appendix VII-4

List of Candidates for the Bureau of the 12th General Assembly of the ICAPP
(To be elected at the Opening Session)

Chairperson Emeritus:

- H.E. Hun Sen, President of the Cambodian People's Party (CPP) and President of the Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia

Chairperson:

- H.E. Hun Manet, Vice-President of the CPP and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia

Vice Chairpersons:

- **Cambodia**: **Hon. Suos Yara**, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Central Committee Member of the Cambodian People's Party, First Chairman of the External Relations of the Cambodian People's Party, and Chairman of the Secretariat for the Organizing Committee of the 12th ICAPP General Assembly

- **Korea:** Hon. Cho Jeong-sik, former Secretary-General, *Minjoo* (Democratic) Party

- **Nepal:** Hon. Sujata Koirala, former Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Nepali Congress Party

- **Türkiye:** Hon. Zafer Sirakaya, Deputy Chairperson, Chairperson for Foreign Affairs, Justice and Development Party (*AK Parti*)

Chairperson of the Drafting Committee and Special Rapporteur:

- Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Pakistan Muslim League (N) (PML-N)

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- Co-Chairpersons: **Representative of the Cambodian People's Party (TBC)** and **Hon. Sun Haiyan**, Vice-Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Vice Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, China

- Rapporteur: **Hon. Dr. Rajan Bhattarai**, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee and former Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister, Communist Party of Nepal (UML), Nepal

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- Co-Chairpersons: **Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed**, Co-Chairperson and Special Rapporteur of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Pakistan Muslim League-*N*, Pakistan and **Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveesin,** Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Chairperson of Foreign Affairs Committee, and Thailand Trade Representative, *Pheu Thai* Party, Thailand

- Rapporteur: **HRH Prince Norodom Chakravuth**, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee and President and Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the *FUNCINPEC* Party, Kingdom of Cambodia

Session III:

- Co-Chairpersons: **Hon. Andrey Klimov**, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Deputy Secretary-General of International Affairs Russia, United Russia Party, Russia and **Hon. Theo Sambuaga**, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, former Minister of Man Power and former Minister of Housing and Settlement, *Golkar* Party, Indonesia

- Rapporteur: **Hon. Fadi Fawaz**, Member of ICAPP Standing Committee and Advisor to H.E. Saad Hariri, former Prime Minister, Future Movement Party, Republic of Lebanon

Appendix VII-5

Phnom Penh Declaration on Peace and Reconciliation

1. We, the leaders and representatives of 49 political parties from Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Laos, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Thailand, Turkiye, Uzbekistan and Vietnam, gathered in Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia, for the Twelfth General Assembly of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP). The General Assembly was hosted by the Cambodian People's Party (CPP), the ruling party of the Kingdom of Cambodia, during November 21 to 24, 2024 under the theme of "The Quest for Peace and Reconciliation." Representatives of 16 political parties of 15 countries from Africa, Europe, and Latin America and the Caribbean, and representatives of 6 political institutions from around the world also participated in the General Assembly as observers.

2. We reaffirmed our commitment to the principles as stipulated in the Charter of the ICAPP and as confirmed in the declarations of previous ICAPP General Assemblies held in Manila in 2000, Bangkok in 2002, Beijing in 2004, Seoul in 2006, Astana in 2009, Phnom Penh in 2010, Baku in 2012, Colombo in 2014, Kuala Lumpur in 2016, Moscow in 2018, and Istanbul in 2022, that sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence and equality of all states, peaceful settlement of international conflicts, non-interference in internal affairs, and consensus orientation, among others are still essential to peace and reconciliation in our region and beyond.

ICAPP's Role for Regional and Global Peace and Reconciliation

3. We noted with deep interest the historic transformation in which the center of global political and socioeconomic gravity was shifting from the West to the East, a process that now appears to be inevitable, inexorable and irreversible with the dawn of the Asian Century. In this regard, we recognized, and reiterated our resolve to support for the ICAPP's leading role in promoting exchanges and cooperation among political parties not only in our region but across the whole world, as a unique and largest political forum which embraced all ideological spectrum and orientation. We hoped that the ICAPP will further mobilize and synergize the strength of its network to reach out to other regions and explore ways to further contribute to global peace and reconciliation through its various programs and initiatives.

4. We noted with deep concern the rise of geopolitical rivalries and the decline of international cooperation as major powers were adjusting and recalibrating their regional and global strategies. We were particularly concerned about the prolonged hostilities and increasing tensions in many parts of the world where efforts to restore peace and reconciliation has failed or are inadequate, causing unbearable sufferings for the people.

In this regard, we agreed that, in an increasingly interdependent world, political parties can significantly contribute to creating a peaceful and reconciled society embracing their responsibilities as advocates for social justice, which are essential to secure lasting peace and reconciliation in each society, and to facilitate dialogues, foster inclusivity and connect communities through open, consultative and peaceful fora.

5. We noted with great apprehension the trend of de-globalization, marked by increasing uncertainties in the global economy by deteriorating multilateral trading system and re-emerging protectionism. Years of cascading challenges and crises, including the covid-19 pandemic reversed the progress we were making toward the U.N. 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with rising food and energy prices, and these developments contributed to cost-of-living pressures and disproportionately affected women and children, and the most vulnerable.

In this regard, we recognized that economic disparity, lack of social justice or systemic oppression can further contribute to a peace deficit by creating environments ripe for discontent and instability. And we shared common beliefs that such negative trends could be dealt with through expanded and comprehensive cooperation among political parties and their governments together with active participation of all stakeholders.

6. With the persistence and proliferation of violence and conflicts in various parts of the world, we highly appreciated the "Cambodian model of peace, reconciliation and integration" that has lasted more than two decades under the leadership of His Excellency Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen, President of the Cambodian Peoples' Party, President of the Senate and former Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Chairman Emeritus of the 12th General Assembly of the ICAPP.

We hoped that the Cambodian model will be presented as a potential solution to resolve differences and end conflicts and build peace and reconciliation on the principles of inclusiveness, forgiveness, creativeness, cultural diversity, and connectivity.

Actions for Regional and Global Peace and Reconciliation

Promoting a culture of peace

7. We shared the view that tolerance of cultural, ethnic, racial and religious diversities is essential for lasting peace, and agreed that we will endeavor to promote cultural and religious tolerance, inter-faith harmony and peaceful coexistence among nations and ethnicities as well as the Asian tradition of mutual respect, consensus building and accommodating the comfort level of all parties as the basic tenet of ICAPP principles.

In this regard, we welcomed the Global Civilization Initiative that will be pursued on the notion of harmony without uniformity rather than a coercive insistence on uniformity.

Initiating a peace process and providing good offices

8. We noted that there is no single template for peace, and history is full of best practices for peaceful settlement of conflicts and different models of dialogue in good faith. We also noted that there are a full range of actions to promote peace and reconciliation at all levels, as well as to explore opportunities to put in place alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, such as mediation, arbitration, restorative and retributive justice, to resolve conflicts and achieve inclusive and sustainable peace.

In this regard, we believed that the ICAPP can look forward to serving as a platform in the future to provide a wide range of good offices to build trust and gain momentum for peace and reconciliation.

Ensuring national ownership

9. We emphasized that national ownership is the best strategy to guarantee that a development project succeeds and expands in the long run. Governments at all levels more readily assume ownership when initiatives build on their visions, strategies and frameworks.

We also recognized that national ownership, that includes diverse voices and participation of all segments of society, is a guiding principle for effective conflict prevention and peacebuilding efforts which will help make peace more sustainable.

Preventing conflicts

10. We were cognizant that poverty, inequality, marginalization, social exclusion, racial and religious discrimination, and lack of access to economic and employment opportunities were commonly identified as root causes of socio-economic problems that could easily escalate into social unrest and larger conflicts. In this regard, we emphasized the importance of a comprehensive approach in addressing these causes, particularly, through a shift from a reactive attitude to a more proactive mindset to remove hatred, promote culture of dialogue, and build confidence and trust among people we represent.

We shared the view that conflicts are costlier than preventive diplomacy. As such, no effort should be spared to take systemic approaches to address the sources of counter-peace forces, such as violence and terrorism. We also acknowledged the need for more proactive engagement by political parties in the process of building sustainable peace and reconciliation, both in pre- and post-conflict settings.

Building post-conflict peace and reconciliation

11. We recognized that peacebuilding and sustaining peace in post-conflict support require closer attention, stronger commitment and wider investment to ensure stable rehabilitation, reconstruction and development. We were also mindful that to prevent the recurrence of conflicts, restorative and retributive justice and reconciliation are key to post-conflict nation-building and development.

In particular, we stressed the importance of the contributions of women and youth in the prevention and resolution of conflicts at all levels and their meaningful involvement in activities promoting a culture of peace in post-conflict situations.

Supporting multilateral efforts for peace and reconciliation

12. Recalling the Istanbul Declaration of 2022 regarding all multilateral frameworks to consolidate various types of collective arrangements in our region, from sub-regional programs to the U.N. initiatives, we reiterated that peace and security, development and human rights are the foundations of an interlinked and mutually reinforcing human security. In this regard, we welcomed and supported the objectives of the UN Summit of the Future 2024, focused on forging a new international consensus on delivering a better present and safeguarding the future, and the 2030 U.N. Sustainable Development Goals, the global roadmap for ending poverty, protecting the planet and tackling inequalities.

We fully espoused the efforts of ICAPP in calling all political parties in the region to urge their respective governments and parliaments to translate their political will and

commitment to peace through the formulation and implementation of public policies, strategies and practices, and legislations to promote peace and reconciliation. We also urged a sustained effort by the ICAPP to pursue its initiative to obtain an observer status in the U.N. General Assembly and partnership status with U.N. agencies, and called on all political parties to recommend to their respective governments to support this initiative.

In this regard, we welcomed the extension of the Cooperation Agreement between the ICAPP and the UNESCO, and expressed our gratitude to the Asian Cultural Council (ACC) for its support under the chairmanship of the Cambodian People's Party.

Strengthening regional and sub-regional cooperation

13. We resolved to strengthen our regional and sub-regional frameworks to reduce tensions and prevent conflicts with the larger Asian regional architecture to facilitate inter-state communication and collaboration, including, among others: the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN); the South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC); the South Asia Sub-regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC); the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC); the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO); the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC); the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC); and the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building in Asia (CICA) and even a broader Global South governance mechanism such as the BRICS and Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO).

Expanding cooperation with other sectors

14. We emphasized the importance of expanding the roles of political parties to collectively strive to strengthen coordination and cooperation among all sectors and groupings in our societies. Toward this aim, we agreed to expand ICAPP activities to strengthen communication and promote cooperation between political parties and other sectors and fields.

In particular, in this era of digital transformation and with the rapid advancement of new technologies, we acknowledged the important role that the media plays in reducing substantially the tensions arising from the spread of misinformation, disinformation, and other extremist ideologies and propaganda. The media is a most effective means to fight against violence, hatred, racism, discrimination and xenophobia which lead to political and social disturbances and disorder in many countries. We agreed that freedom of the press and freedom of information and communication must be ensured, and further agreed to endeavor to make effective use of all forms of mainstream and social media for advocacy and dissemination of information to engage, educate and empower a culture of peace.

Reaching out to political parties in other regions and institutions

15. We recognized that the conflict in one nation or in one region can spill over to other countries and regions. So, we need closer multi-level cross-border and cross-region cooperation among political parties around the world to meet our common challenges. We committed to pursue practical partnerships with the representatives of political parties in Africa, Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean. In this regard, we welcomed the first Roundtable Discussion among political parties from the four continents on the sideline of the 12th General Assembly. We hoped to enhance cooperation and solidarity with political parties in other regions in bilateral, trilateral or quadrilateral format on a more regular basis. We also hoped to increase our cooperation and coordination with other political institutions, including ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), Global Council for Tolerance and Peace (GCTP), Non-

Aligned Movement Parliamentary Network (NAM-PN), and Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC).

Last but not least, we expressed our profound gratitude to the people and the government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and particularly the Cambodian People's Party for their warm hospitality and excellent arrangements to ensure the resounding success of 12th General Assembly of the ICAPP. Our special thanks went to H.E. Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen, President of the CPP and President of the Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and to H.E. Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei HUN Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia for their support of this historic ICAPP gathering with fruitful outcomes to carry over. We also expressed our deep appreciation to the ICAPP Secretariat and the Organizing Committee of the 12th ICAPP General Assembly for their invaluable role and successful preparations for the meeting.

Adopted unanimously on this 23rd day of November 2024 in Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia.

Appendix VII-6

Phnom Penh Statement of Roundtable Discussion

We, the leaders and representatives of 18 political parties from 17 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America and the Caribbean, gathered in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on November 22, 2024, under the theme of "The Role of Political Parties in Building Peace and Reconciliation," on the sideline of the 12th General Assembly of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties.

We noted that political parties are a key stakeholder for any country's democratic developments and creating democratic process as they are representing diverse interests and perspectives of people, that political parties can serve as platforms through which people can express grievances which otherwise might escalate into social disturbances and violence, and that modern conflicts are complex and have various root causes, but have a political aspect in background.

In this regard, we agreed that, in an increasingly interdependent world, political parties can significantly contribute to creating a peaceful and reconciled society by embracing their responsibilities as representatives and advocates for social justice, which are essential to secure lasting peace and reconciliation, and by facilitating dialogues, fostering inclusivity and connecting communities through open, consultative and peaceful fora.

We also acknowledged the need for more proactive engagement by political parties in the process of building sustainable peace and reconciliation, both in pre- and post-conflict settings. We also stressed that the best way to guarantee sustainable peace and reconciliation is to ensure participation of a wide range of actors, especially those of underrepresented and overlooked groups, on equal footing in the process.

Last but not least, we also confirmed our steadfast commitment to jointly addressing the challenges of the 21st century and nurturing a conducive environment rooted in peaceful coexistence, and economic and cultural connectivity among all nations.

We expressed our deepest gratitude to the Cambodian People's Party and the ICAPP Secretariat for the excellent preparations of the meeting and the warm hospitality during our stay. In this regard, we agreed to meet on a more regular basis in the future.

Adopted on the 22nd day of November, 2024 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Appendix VII-7

Phnom Penh Statement of 3rd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council

We, the representatives of 49 political parties from 28 countries in the region gathered in Phnom Penh, Cambodia for the 3rd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC) of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), held on November 23, 2024, on the sideline of the 12th General Assembly of the ICAPP, under the theme of "**Civilizational Connectivity, Intergenerational Solidarity, and Cultural Diversity for Promoting Peace and Reconciliation**."

We reaffirmed the values of the *Siem Reap Declaration for Culture of Peace, Sustainable Development, Human Connectivity, and Innovation,* adopted on January 15, 2019 and the *Phnom Penh Declaration on Cultural Cooperation and Innovation for Shared Prosperity during COVID-19 and Beyond,* adopted on March 19, 2021. We also acknowledged with gratitude the significant contributions of the ACC to promoting cultural exchanges among the countries in the region under the leadership of Samdech Techo Hun Sen, Honorary Founding Chairman of the ACC.

We reiterated the significance of global and regional cooperation in enhancing civilizational connectivity, inter-generational solidarity and cultural diversity, by transforming cultural assets into resources for peace and reconciliation, and through technological innovation for the greater good of mankind.

We supported UNESCO in its endeavours to encourage all stakeholders to adhere to their duty of ensuring the identification, protection, and conservation of their cultural and natural heritage for future generations, by upholding a culture of respect of civilizations as a compass for a humane future. In particular, we emphasized that the Silk Roads are millennia-old routes of exchanges of trade, culture, and religion, as well as dialogues and knowledge between the East and the West that have contributed greatly to the common prosperity of humankind. In this regard, we welcomed the conclusion and extension of the Cooperation Agreement between UNESCO and ICAPP.

We recognized the lack of intercultural understanding and interfaith dialogues as the root causes of extremism and other forms of conflicts, intolerance, discrimination, social tensions and political instability in recent years, and emphasized the importance of the multilateral framework as a mechanism to enhance cultural dialogues in promoting better understanding of civilizations.

We acknowledged that cultural policies have a great impact on creativity and a flow of ideas, and as such, encouraged members of the ACC to initiate and promote their respective cultural policies that are conducive to the enhancement and appreciation of civilizations in the form of a broader dissemination of diversified cultural and creative industries at the local, regional and global levels.

We emphasized the need to strengthen inter-generational solidarity by leveraging the full potential of all generations through a whole-of-society approach as a means to enhance social harmony and connectivity, and urged members of the ACC to help address stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination directed towards aging people so that they can reach their full potential and comprehensively contribute to their communities and nations.

We recognized that a culture of innovation is best understood as the adoption of novel solutions, practices and processes to address existing problems and emerging challenges, with the ultimate aim of securing peace and promoting sustainable development. In this regard, we stressed that digital technology and digitalization can contribute to promoting better appreciation of various civilizations as a foundation of a shared humanity.

We agreed that education can play a vital role in promoting civilizational connectivity, inter-generational solidarity and cultural diversity, and in helping younger generations better understand history that will lead to acceptance of cultural differences as the foundation for promoting peace and reconciliation among societies.

Last but not least, we recognized Cambodia's comprehensive development approach, namely TECHO (Technology and Thought, Education and Ecology, Culture and Community, Humanity and History, and Organic and Original) as well as its implementing mechanism, the 100 Model Villages Project as one of the most viable initiatives for preservation of cultural heritage.

We expressed our deepest gratitude to the Cambodian People's Party and the ICAPP Secretariat for the excellent preparations of the meeting and the warm hospitality during our stay.

Adopted unanimously on this 23rd day of November 2024 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Appendix VII-8

Phnom Penh Statement of 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum

We, representatives of eighteen political parties and journalists of fifteen media outlets from Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and T˘ rkiye, gathered in Phnom Penh, Cambodia for the 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum, held on November 23, 2024, on the sideline of the 12th General Assembly of International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) under the theme of **"Fighting Fake News in the Digital Age to Sustain Peace"**.

We expressed our grave concern about an explosion of misinformation and disinformation through new digital platforms in recent years, that are popularly referred to as fake news, and identified it as one of major sources of violence, hatred, racism, discrimination, and xenophobia, leading to political and social disturbances and disorder in many places around the world, and affecting international relations. We also believed that fake news is a significant threat to traditional journalism with news-trust sources, journalists and media outlets that follow strict codes of practice. In this regard, we agreed to focus our future collaboration on jointly developing a set of tools and frameworks to monitor, and effectively deal with, the wide-spread fake news which can quickly undermine our efforts to achieve a global vision for peace, stability and human advancement.

We also noted with concern that developments in generative artificial intelligence (AI) have also expanded the risks of fake news which requires us to continue to focus on anticipating and managing their unforeseen impacts. In this regard, we welcomed the United Nationsì initiative to develop a Code of Conduct for information integrity to create a healthier and more inclusive digital space, combatting the spread of fake news while upholding the principles of human rights, freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information.

In particular, in this era of digital transformation and with the rapid advancement of new technologies, we acknowledged the important role that the media plays in countering the spread of fake news. In this regard, we reaffirmed our continued commitment to capitalizing on our strengths and our enhanced media networks in our respective countries to combat fake news across the region.

We also confirmed our commitment to supporting the ICAPP's goal of building an Asian community through the continued promotion of its ideals for peace and reconciliation.

We expressed our deepest gratitude to the Cambodian People's Party and the ICAPP Secretariat for the excellent preparations of the meeting and the warm hospitality during our stay.

Adopted unanimously on this 23rd day of November 2024 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Appendix VIII-1

Candidates for Bureau Members of the ICAPP Asian Cultural Council (2024-2026)

As of November 2024

Chairperson			
	Hon. SUOS Yara ➢ Vice Chairperson of the Standing Committee ➢ Member of Standing Committee of the CPP ➢ Director-General of Asian Cultural Council ➢ Chairman of the Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, Information and Media of the National Assembly of Cambodia		
Vice-Chairpersons			
	Hon. Andrey KLIMOV ➢ Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee ➢ Deputy Secretary of the General Council on International Affairs of the United Russia Party, **Russian Federation**		**Hon. SUN Haiyan** ➢ Vice Chairperson of the Standing Committee ➢ Vice Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of **China**
	Hon. Sujata KOIRALA ➢ Member of Parliament and Member of Central Committee of the Nepali Congress Party ➢ Former Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of **Nepal**		

Appendix VIII-2

Candidates for Bureau Members of the ICAPP Media Forum
(November 23, 2024)

Co-Chairpersons			
	Hon. Neth Pheaktra ➢ Minister of Information of the Kingdom of **Cambodia**		**Mr. Tahir Khalil** ➢ Chief Reporter, Daily Jang, **Pakistan**
Vice Chairpersons			
	Hon. Bimal Rathnayake ➢ Member of Political Bureau and National Organizer of *Janatha Vimukthi Peramnua* (*JVP*) ➢ Former Member of Parliament of **Sri Lanka**		**Ms. Dilara Aslan** ➢ Ankara Bureau Chief, Daily Sabah, Republic of **Türkiye**
	Hon. Altai Khangai ➢ International Secretary of the Mongolian People's Party (MPP), **Mongolia**		**Ms. Kim, Hee Kyong,** ➢ Head of International News Department, MBN (Maeil Broadcasting Network), **Korea**

Appendix IX-1

Program

Saturday, August 17, 2024

a.m./p.m.	**Arrival of Delegates (**Chinggis Khaan International Airport) - Check in at *Ulaanbaatar* Hotel (SBD - 8 khoroo, Ulaanbaatar 14200, Mongolia)
14:00-	Trip to *Chinggis Khaan* National Museum (Optional)
18:00	***Welcoming Reception*** hosted by Hon. Nomin Chinbat, Member of Parliament, Minister of Culture, Sports, Tourism and Youth, Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing, Mongolia *Venue: Highland Park, Ulaanbaatar* ***Welcoming Remarks*** by Hon. Nomin Chinbat ***Welcoming Remarks*** by Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea

Sunday, August 18, 2024

10:00-11:00	**Visit to Gallery Shopping Centre, *Gobi* Cashmere**
11:20	**Hotel Check out**
11:30-13:30	**Depart from *Ulaanbaatar* Hotel to *Nalaikh District***
13:30-14:00	**Nomads World Cultural Festival (*Nalaikh*, *Ulaanbaatar*)**
13:30-14:00	***Welcoming Remarks*** by Hon. Nomin Chinbat
14:00-14:40	**Lunch (Mongolian Traditional Food) at Nomads World Cultural Festival**
14:40-16:00	**Special program to explore Nomadic Culture**
16:30-17:30	**Travel to *Terelj* Hotel**
17:30-18:30	**Check in at *Terelj* Hotel** (Terelj Rd Gorkhi Terelj National Park, ND - 6 khoroo, Terelj, Ulaanbaatar 12710, Mongolia)
19:00-21:00	**Appreciation Dinner** hosted by Hon. Nomin Chinbat, Member of Parliament, Minister of Culture, Sports, Tourism and Youth, Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing, Mongolia *Venue: Terelj Hotel, Ballroom*

Monday, August 19, 2024

09:30-10:00 **Registration**

10:00-10:40 **Opening Session**

Venue: Ballroom, Terelj Hotel

Moderator: Mrs. Bolormaa Enkhbat, Member of Parliament, Mongolia

- ***Welcoming Remarks*** *by* Hon. Sodbaatar Yangug, The Secretary General of Mongolian People's Party, Mongolia
- ***Opening Remarks*** by Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee and former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea
- ***Opening Remarks*** *by* Hon. Nomin Chinbat
- ***Congratulatory Remarks*** by Hon. Khurelbaatar Bulgantuya, Member of Parliament, Chairperson of the Social Democratic Women of the MPP, Mongolia
- **Election of the Bureau** of the ICAPP Women's Wing by Hon. Kwon Hee-seog, Secretary-General of the ICAPP, Republic of Korea

10:40-11:00 **Group Photo**

11:00-12:30 **1st Plenary Session**

Venue: Ballroom, Terelj Hotel

Moderator: Mrs. Bolormaa Enkhbat, Member of Parliament, Mongolia

- **Topic:** "*Empowering Women in the Asia Pacific"*

Venue: Ballroom, *Terelj* Hotel

12:30-14:30 **Lunch**

Venue: Ballroom, *Terelj* Hotel

14:30-16:00 **2nd Plenary Session**

Venue: Ballroom, Terelj Hotel

Moderator: Mrs. Bolormaa Enkhbat, Member of Parliament, Mongolia

- **Topic:** "*Empowering Women in the Asia Pacific"*

16:00-16:15 **Coffee Break**

16:15-16:45 **Closing Session**

Venue: Ballroom, Terelj Hotel

Moderator: Mrs. Bolormaa Enkhbat, Member of Parliament, Mongolia

- **Summary Report of the Women's Wing Meeting** by Hon. Nominchimeg Odsuren, Member of Parliament, Mongolia

- **Adoption** of the "Ulaanbaatar Statements of the ICAPP Women's Wing by Hon. Nomin Chinbat
- ***Closing Remarks*** by Hon. Nomin Chinbat
- ***Closing Remarks*** by Hon. Kwon Hee-seog, Secretary-General of the ICAPP, Republic of Korea

18:00-20:00 **Farewell Reception** hosted by Hon. Nomin Chinbat
Venue: Terelj Hotel, River view terrace

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Departure of Delegates

Appendix IX-2

List of Participants

I. Political Parties (17 political parties from 11 countries)

Cambodia, Kingdom of

1. Cambodian People's Party (CPP) (3)

- **Hon. Ms. Nirmita Hou**, Secretary of State, Ministry of Women's Affairs
- **Ms. Yousim Pov**, Member of ICAPP-ACC Cambodia Secretariat
- **Ms. Khanra Soun**, Vice Chief of the Minister's Cabinet, Ministry of Women's Affairs

Indonesia, Republic of

2. Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDI-P) (2)

- **Ms. Elvi Diana**, Member of the *Banka Belitung* Parliament
- **Ms. Prajna Paramita Kirana Laksmi**, Assistant to the General Secretary

Iraq, Republic of

3. Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) (2)

- **Ms. Ziba Taha Shaheen,** Head of the KDP Secretariat Women's Union
- **Ms. Shanaz Mohammed Hamza,** Member of the KDP Secretariat Women's Union

Korea, Republic of

4. People Power Party (3)

- **Hon. Ms. Kim Jung-jae**, Member of the National Assembly, Member of the Land, Infrastructure & Transport Committee and House Steering Committee, Member of the Special Committee on Addressing Low Fertility of the Party
- **Ms. Byeon Da-yeon**, Administrative Director of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union of the National Assembly
- **Ms. Dolgorsuren Khuvkhukh**, Interpreter of Hon. Kim Jung-jae

5. Rebuilding Korea Party (3)

- **Hon. Ms. Kim Jae-won,** Member of the National Assembly, Member of the Culture, Sports, and Tourism Committee, Deputy Floor Leader of the Party
- **Mr. Lee Kun-ho,** International Cooperation Officer of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union of the National Assembly
- **Ms. Enkhzolboo Luvsandash**, Interpreter of Hon. Kim Jae-won

Lao People's Democratic Republic

6. Lao People's Revolutionary Party (1)

- **Mr. Soukvixay Linsomphou**, Third Secretary, Representative of the Embassy of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to Mongolia

Malaysia

7. **Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA) (2)**

- **Hon. Ms. Wong Siaw Ting**, Central Committee Member, Chairman of the International Affairs, and Diplomacy Bureau of the Party
- **Ms. Hooi Ling Tee**, National Wanita Deputy Chairman, Deputy Chairman of the International Affairs, and Diplomacy Bureau of the Party

Mongolia

8. **Mongolian People's Party (MPP) (23)**

- **Hon. Ms. Nomin Chinbat**, Member of Parliament, Minister of Culture, Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing
- **Hon. Tselmuun Manlaijav**, Member of ICAPP SC, Head of Foreign Relations of MPP, VP of Social Democratic Youth
- **Hon. Sodbaatar Yangug**, Secretary General of MPP
- **Mr. Enkhbaatar Nyamaa**, Secretary of MPP
- **Mr. Chuluunzagd Tsedenpil**, Secretary of MPP
- **Mr. Sumiyabazar Dolgorsuren**, Secretary of MPP
- **Mr. Altai Khangai**, International Secretary of MPP
- **Mr. Purevdagva Byaruuzana**, Head of the Party Development Department
- **Mr. Javkhlan Nergui**, Head of Technology and Innovation Division
- **Hon. Bulgantuya Khurelbaatar**, Member of Parliament
- **Hon. Bayarbaatar Bayarmagnai**, Member of Parliament
- **Hon. Bolormaa Enkhbat**, Member of Parliament
- **Hon. Baasanjargal Khurelbaatar**, Member of Parliament
- **Hon. Nominchimeg Odsuren**, Member of Parliament
- **Hon. Saranchuluun Otgon**, Member of Parliament
- **Hon. Uyanga Bold**, Member of Parliament
- **Hon. Undram Chinbat**, Member of Parliament
- **Mrs. Bolortungalag Byambasuren**, Advisor to Member of Parliament
- **Mrs. Javzandorj Byambatseveen (PhD)**, Secretary General of Social Democratic Women
- **Mrs. Solongoo Bayarsaikhan**, Vice President of Social Democratic Women
- **Mrs. Bayarchimeg Nanzad**, City Council member, Advisor to the Mayor
- **Mrs. Davaasuren Sodnomdarjaa (PhD)**, Board member of Social Democratic Women
- **Mrs. Ninjjamts Luvsandash**, Senior specialist at the office of the Chairman of Parliament

9. Democratic Party (DP) (2)

- **Hon. Narantuya Zagdkhuu**, Head of Policy and Strategy Institute of DP, former Member of Parliament
- **Hon. Jargalan Batbayar**, Member of Parliament

10. HUN Party (HUN) (3)

- **Hon. Enkhnasan Lutaa**, Member of Parliament
- **Mrs. Otgontugs Banzragch**, Board member
- **Mrs. Khulan Batbold**, Member of Representative Council

11. Civil Will Green Party (CWGP) (2)

- **Hon. Narantuya Munkhtur**, Member of Parliament, and Member of the ICAPP Standing Commitee
- **Hon. Zamira Songobai**, Member of Parliament

12. Socialist International Party (1)

- **Mrs. Enkhjargal Danzanbaljir**, former Vice President of the Socialist International Women for Asia Pacific and Member of the Finance Committee of the Party

13. National Coalition (NC) (1)

- **Hon. Sarnai Myagmardash**, Member of Parliament

Myanmar, Republic of the Union of

14. Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) (2)

- **Ms. Ohn Mar Aung Jar Taung**, Member of the Township Party
- **Ms. Phyu Thet**, Legal Advisor, Department of Law and Parliamentary

Nepal, Federal Democratic Republic of

15. People's Socialist Party, Nepal (PSP-N) (1)

- **Mr. Bharat Gurung**, International Secretary

Russian Federation

16. United Russia Party (1)

- **Ms. Valeriya Gorokhova**, Head of International Relations Department

Thailand, Kingdom of

17. Democrat Party (2)

- **Ms. Pimrapee Phanwichatkul**, former Member of the House of Representatives
- **Ms. Mayura Yuvacharaskul**, Founder of Pakasai Resort

II. Office of the Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee (1)

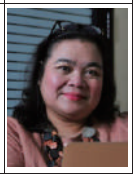
- **Hon. Chung Eui-yong**, Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, and former Chairperson of Foreign Relations Committee of the *Minjoo* (Democratic) Party, Republic of Korea

III. ICAPP Secretariat (4)

- **Hon. Kwon Hee-seog**, Secretary-General, former Ambassador to Italy and Ambassador to ASEAN in Jakarta of the Republic of Korea
- **Ms. Park Hyun-ryang**, Director
- **Ms. Na Gi-ryoung**, Program Officer
- **Ms. Ha Soo-min**, Program Officer

Appendix IX-3

Bureau Members of the ICAPP Women's Wing (2024-2025)

Chairperson			
	Hon. Nomin Chinbant ➢ Minister of Culture of Mongolia ➢ Vice President of the Social Democratic Women ➢ Board Member, Mongolian People's Party, **Mongolia**		
Vice-Chairpersons			
	Hon. Dr. Nalinee TAVEESIN ▸Chairperson of Foreign Affairs Committee of *Pheu Thai* Party ▸Thailand Trade Representative ▸ Advisor to the Prime Minister, **Thailand**		**Hon. Parvin Karimzade** ▸ Member of the Board of the *Yeni* (New) Azerbaijan Party ▸ Member of the *Milli Majlis* (Parliament) of the Republic of Azerbaijan
	Ms. Valeria Gorokhova ▸Head of the International Relations Department, United Russia Party, **Russian** Federation		**Ms. Diana Widyastuti** Member of Central Executive Board, Head of International Relations of Women's Wing, *Golkar* Party, Republic of **Indonesia**

Appendix IX-4

Ulaanbaatar Statement

"Empowering Women in the Asia Pacific"

We, the representatives of 17 political parties from 11 countries, gathered in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, for the 8th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing, following the seven previous meetings in Baku (2013, 2015 & 2019), Colombo (2014), Kuala Lumpur (2016), Moscow (2018), and Ulaanbaatar (2023). The Meeting was hosted by the Mongolian People's Party (MPP) from August 17 to 20, 2024, under the main theme of "Empowering Women in the Asia Pacific."

We shared concern over complex challenges faced by women in our region, including poverty, unemployment, lack of education, and gender discrimination. To meet these challenges, we reaffirmed our determination to work together to empower women across political, economic, and social domains.

We recognized that women were significantly underrepresented in political offices or positions of greater authority across our region. We agreed to explore the possibility to introduce or expand gender quotas to improve women's representation in these political offices and decision-making bodies. We believed that such action program to increase female representation was essential for achieving political empowerment for women.

We acknowledged that diverse barriers hindered women's full participation in economic activities, and that the global gender gap in economic opportunities was significantly wider than previously understood. To address these challenges, it is crucial to ensure fair opportunities for education and to develop family-friendly policies. Education provides them with the knowledge, skills, and self-confidence necessary for economic activities. Policies, such as parental leave and childcare, should also be further strengthened to compensate unpaid care work, done by women.

We also noted that women and girls were still vulnerable to various kinds of discrimination and exploitation in almost every society. We resolved to coordinate our efforts to fight discrimination against women and girls so that they can live and work with dignity and in safe and caring environment. We particularly recognized healthcare as an important factor for women's social empowerment. Their right to safe motherhood, to healthy life and to live free of violence should be fiercely guarded. Moreover, we strive to work together to ensure that women and girls have equal access to education and training, particularly in the fields that are crucial for the future, such as science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

We agreed that women's empowerment was more than a tool to advance political, economic and social status of women. It is for a more balanced, sustainable and inclusive development of the lives of all humankind. When women are well-represented, educated and healthy, all of society benefits. In this regard, we agreed to encourage political parties we represent to make most strident pursuit for this goal and to develop and formulate appropriate strategies to further advance women's empowerment and gender equality in our region.

We also agreed on establishing a platform and new initiative to empower women in creative industries within ICAPP women's wing.

We extended our sincere gratitude to the Mongolian People's Party (MPP) and Hon. Nomin Chinbat, Minister of Culture, Sports, Tourism and Youth of Mongolia, and Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing, for hosting this meeting and their warm hospitality.

Adopted unanimously on this 19th day of August, 2024 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Appendix X

Report of the ICAPP Observers to BRICS and Partner Countries Forum

(Vladivostok, Russia during June 16-19, 2024)

The following members of the ICAPP Standing Committee were invited to participate in the "International Inter-Party BRICS and Partner Countries Forum" (hereinafter referred to the "Forum") which was hosted by the BRICS Presidency of the Russian Federation and the United Russia Party in Vladivostok, Russia during June 16-19, 2024.

- Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee
- Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Co-Chairman and Special Rapporteur of the ICAPP Standing Committee
- Hon. Suos Yara, Vice Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee
- Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveesin, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Business Council

The Forum was participated by representatives of political parties of 28 countries from Asia, Europe, North and South America, and Africa.

Each participant from the ICAPP delivered their speeches as follows:

- Hon. Chung Eui-yong and Hon. Suos Yara at the Plenary Session on the topic of "BRICS and partner countries as an efficient mechanism for developing ties." (Remarks by Hon. Chung Eui-yong is attached as Appendix)
- Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed and Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveesin at the Round Table 1 on the topic of "Invisible and equal security as key principles for building genuine and lasting international peace."

On June 17, the opening ceremony was attended by H.E. Dmitry Medvedev, Chairman of the United Russia Party and former President of the Russian Federation. During June 17-18, there were two other Round Table sessions, Number 2 on the topic of "Strengthening economic and financial ties between countries of the World Majority for building a just world order," and Number 3 on the topic of "Responsible behavior in the information space for building a just world order amid widespread digitalization." And a separate dialogue was held between the representatives of the United Russia Party and representatives of political parties from ASEAN member countries, which was chaired by H.E. Dmitry Medvedev. A gala dinner was also hosted by H.E. Dmitry Medvedevin the evening of June 17. No document or statement was adopted as the result of the Forum.

Hon. Andrey Klimov hosted a separate dinner for Chairman Chung Eui-yong and Co-Chairman Mushahid Hussain Sayed on June 16.

On the sidelines of the Forum, Chairman Chung had separate meetings or pull-asides with representatives of the following political parties and exchanged views on future cooperation between the ICAPP and their respective parties.

- Hon. Liu Jianchao, Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China
- Hon. Andrey Klimov, Member of the Bureau of the Supreme Council of the United Russia Party
- Hon. Paetongtarn Shinawatra, Leader of Pheu Thai Party, Thailand
- Hon. Khin Yi, Chairman of the Union Solidarity and Development Party, Myanmar
- Hon. Thonsavanh Phomvihane, Chairman of the Committee for External Relations of the Central committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party, Laos
- Hon. Abdujabbor Abduqahhor Azizi, First Deputy Chairman of the People's Democratic Party of Tajikistan
- Hon. Ms. Oppah Muchinguri, National Chairperson of the Zimbabwe African National Union – Patriotic Front (ZANU-PF), and Minister of Defense, Republic of Zimbabwe
- Hon. Lindiwe Zulu, Member of the National Executive Committee of the African National Congress (ANC) and Minister for Social Development, and Hon. Kopeng Obed Bapela, Deputy Chairman of the Subcommittee on International Relations of the National Executive Committee of the ANC, Republic of South Africa,
- Hon. Emilio Lozada Garcia, Head of International Relations Department of the Central Committee of Communist Party of Cuba

In this regard, the Lao People's Revolutionary Party (LPRP) acknowledged with gratitude the decision of the ICAPP Standing Committee to invite the LPRP as a new member of the Standing Committee, and confirmed its willingness to accept the invitation.

It was also found that the following six political parties in southern Africa has its own coalition, called "Liberation Movement," which holds its general meeting once a year. The last presidency of the Liberation Movement was held by Zimbabwe, and the current presidency by South Africa, and they are planning to have the annual meeting in South Africa toward the end of 2024. They were willing to invite ICAPP observers to their meeting. They also expressed keen interest in forming an organization of African political parties in cooperation with the ICAPP. The representatives of ANC of South Africa and ZANU-PF Zimbabwe expressed its willingness to cooperate with the ICAPP in establishing an organization of African political parties and restarting regular dialogue with the ICAPP and the *COPPPAL*

- *MPLA* (People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola) in Angola
- *Frelimo* (Democratic Socialist Party) in Mozambique
- SWAPO (South West Africa People's Organization) in Namibia

- ANC (African National congress) in South Africa
- *CCM* (*Chama Cha Mapinduzi*: Party of the Revolution) in Tanzania
- ZANU-PF (Zimbabwe African National Union – patriotic Front) in Zimbabwe

Appendix: As stated

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Program

Friday, August 30, 2024

a.m./p.m.	**Arrival of the delegation** Heydar Aliyev International Airport via "VIP Terminal" **Departure to the hotel / Check-in at the hotel**

Saturday, August 31, 2024

a.m./p.m.	**Arrival of the delegation** Heydar Aliyev International Airport via "VIP Terminal" **Departure to the hotel / Check-in at the hotel**
p.m.	**Meetings** - *upon request* **Cultural Program** - *upon request*

Sunday, September 01 , 2024

a.m.	Depart Hotel
a.m./p.m.	**Observation of the Early Elections to the Milli Majlis**
p.m.	**Press Conference on the Early Elections to the Milli Majlis**
p.m.	**Adoption of Baku Statements**

Monday, September 02, 2024

a.m.	Depart Hotel
a.m./p.m.	Departure of the delegation Heydar Aliyev International Airport via "VIP Terminal"

Appendix XI-2

List of Participants

Türkiye, Republic of (2)

- **Hon. İbrahim Halil Korkmaz**, Vice Chairman of the Foreign Relations of the *AK* Party
- **Ms. Mehlika Özge Akkaya**, Expert of Foreign Relations Department of the *AK* Party

Cambodia, Kingdom of (1)

- **Hon**. **Thorng Cheyveasna**, Member of the ICAPP-ACC Cambodia Secretariat

Appendix XI-3

Baku Statement
(Baku, September 2, 2024)

Justice and Development Party Vice Chairman of Foreign Affairs İbrahim Halil Korkmaz, who came to Azerbaijan as part of the ICAPP delegation to observe the elections to the National Assembly of Azerbaijan, commented on the election process noting that "the elections were fair, transparent and peaceful."

Justice and Development Party (AK Party) Vice Chairman of Foreign Affairs İbrahim Halil Korkmaz arrived in Baku as part of the delegation of the Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) to observe the parliamentary elections held in Azerbaijan on September 1, 2024.

Noting that the parliamentary elections were held for the first time in 54 electoral districts in the liberated Karabakh territories, Mr. Korkmaz said that the elections took place in a very positive atmosphere with approximately 6500 ballot boxes set up across Azerbaijan and completed in 125 districts across the country.

Expressing his great pleasure to follow the parliamentary elections held in Azerbaijan as a member and representative of the Justice and Development Party (AK Party) in Türkiye, Mr. Korkmaz expressed "heartfelt congratulations to Azerbaijan for the parliamentary elections completed in a peaceful and transparent process and in accordance with the procedures" and wished the election results to be auspicious for the people of Azerbaijan.

Speech of Mr. Ibrahim Halil Korkmaz:

"Dear Members of the Press,

I greet you all with respect and affection, expressing my happiness to be in Azerbaijan, our beloved Azerbaijan, where we feel at home, our homeland. Upon the invitation of the Milli Mejlis of Azerbaijan, I, as the Vice Chairman of Foreign Affairs of the Justice and Development Party, which has achieved great democratic achievements, changes and progress in our country, Türkiye, together with Throng Chevyeasna (Torung Çeyviyesna), the representative of the Cambodian People's Party;

We visited Baku on behalf of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP).

ICAPP, also known as the International Conference of Asian Political Parties, is an important organization that aims to enable political parties, which are the leading actors of democratic development in the Asian region, to cooperate with each other at the regional and global level, regardless of their thoughts and ideologies.

As one of the largest political groups in Asia, ICAPP brings together international political parties from 23 member countries of its Standing Committee and more than 350 participating political parties from nearly 50 countries. I am very pleased to closely follow the election of

125 deputies to the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan, who will represent the voice of the Azerbaijani people for the next 5 years.

Elections are the lifeblood of democracies and a necessity of being a prosperous nation and state. As a matter of fact, the pulse that provides vitality as a nation finds its expression through elections with the goals of stability, change and renewal.

The voting process, through which citizens make their voices heard and express their will, is an inviolable right. It is not only a right, but more importantly, a great responsibility.

In this sense, it is of great importance that the election process is fair and transparent.

Therefore, we sincerely congratulate the dear Azerbaijani people for this election process.

With your permission, I would like to briefly share my thoughts on the election process.

First of all, I would like to emphasize that the parliamentary elections held on September 1, 2024, took place for the first time in 54 electoral districts in the liberated Karabakh territories, allowing us to witness a meaningful process and make us proud.

When we look at the results of the elections, the brotherly Azerbaijani people have crowned their victory with a great political participation by demonstrating a high participation of approximately 50% in the liberated Karabakh territories, especially in the city of Khankendi.

Approximately 6500 ballot boxes were set up in the elections held in 125 districts across Azerbaijan; 990 candidates competed for 125 seats in the National Assembly.

On election day, after the polling started at 08.00 am, the ICAPP delegation split into two groups and visited a total of 16 polling stations in different constituencies to observe the process.

We observed that there was a complete preparation for citizens to vote.

Despite the Sunday holiday and the extremely hot weather, we observed a high turnout and the voting process was carried out efficiently according to the set schedule and the procedures of the Central Election Board.

The ICAPP delegation did not observe any negative findings or restrictions on voters or ballots during the voting process, which took place in a very positive atmosphere.

Observers on duty throughout the election performed their duties in a professional manner and acted with the utmost sensitivity.

The voting process, which continued with the participation of approximately 112 thousand local observers as well as nearly 600 international observers from 51 countries, ended at 19.00.

Across Azerbaijan, the political turnout was approximately 38%, and according to the first

unofficial results, the New Azerbaijan Party, led by the Supreme Commander-in-Chief, Honorable President Ilham Aliyev, won 68 parliamentary seats and emerged as the first party in the elections.

44 independent deputies had the right to represent independently in the Parliament. Around 10 political parties also completed the elections by winning different number of seats.

On behalf of ICAPP, I sincerely congratulate Azerbaijan on the parliamentary elections, which were held in a free, fair and transparent process and in accordance with the procedures.

Dear Members of the Press;

I would like to express my satisfaction with the diligence and sensitive approach of our colleagues who accompanied us as participating organizations and delegates throughout the process and I would like to thank them once again through you.

It is also a source of pride for us that Azerbaijan will host the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29), which is a very important international organization and is planned to take place between 11-24 November 2024.

Such organizations that increase Azerbaijan's representation and visibility in various international initiatives are very pleasing. I congratulate them.

I pray to God Almighty that the election results will bring good to the beloved nation and strong state of our beloved Azerbaijan."

Appendix XII-1

GCTP Asia Pacific Regional Office Secretariat
#24, St. 566, Boeng Kak II, Toul Kork
Phnom Penh
Kingdom of Cambodia

September 11, 2024

Dear Madam/Sir,

Our organization, the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), was launched in September 2000 to promote exchanges and cooperation among political parties in Asia. Now more than 350 political parties in the region with diverse political and ideological backgrounds are eligible to participate in the ICAPP activities. By bringing together leaders of political parties in Asia at regular assemblies, the ICAPP has become a positive political platform for mutual understanding among Asian countries and peoples.

In line with our objectives, the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace (IPTP) was suggested by the Asian Political party representatives and was given significant importance in our latest 41st Standing Committee meeting held on May 28 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Therefore, on behalf of the Standing Committee of ICAPP, I would like to propose the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding regarding observer exchange between IPTP and ICAPP. This MOU will facilitate greater collaboration and understanding between our organizations, enhancing our mutual efforts towards regional development and cooperation.

Given the importance of this matter, we kindly request that you review the attached draft MOU at your early convenience. Your prompt response will facilitate the necessary arrangements for the observer exchange between IPTP and ICAPP.

I look forward to your positive response.

With warm regards,

Kwon Hee-seog

Kwon Hee-seog
Secretary-General of the ICAPP
Seoul, Republic of Korea

Appendix XII-2

Memorandum of Understanding
On
Observer Exchange Cooperation
Between the International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace (IPTP)
And the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP)
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The International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace (hereinafter referred to as "the IPTP) of the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace (hereinafter referred to as "the GCTP) and the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (hereinafter referred to as "the ICAPP")

Recognizing the unique and essential roles played by the parliamentarians in the IPTP and the representatives of political parties in the ICAPP in creating an environment and building a foundation for sustained peace and shared prosperity in the world, in particular in Asia, by promoting exchange cooperation that enables parliamentarians and political leaders from between the IPTP and the ICAPP, to interact and exchange ideologies, knowledge, expertise and experience, and thus enhancing mutual understanding and trust among the peoples,

Wishing that the increased cooperation between the IPTP and the ICAPP will further amass and channel the views of the peoples living in diversity, gleaned from media, direct consultations and political debates, dialogues and discussions at local, national, regional and global platforms organized by or associated with the IPTP or the ICAPP at the invitation or with the consent of both institutions, and

Believing that the cooperation will contribute to helping the IPTP and the ICAPP reinforce the esteemed vision and mission of the two institutions, respectively, and thus play a greater role in moving forward to build a more peaceful, harmonious and prosperous world.

Have reached the following understandings:

Paragraph 1

The IPTP and the ICAPP will, in good faith, respect each other's Rules of Procedures, Charter and principal objectives, and support each other's activities and initiatives, where applicable, to promote peace and prosperity in the world within their capacity as well as collective strength.

Paragraph 2

The IPTP and the ICAPP will invite each other's representatives as Observers to their meetings or forums, and where appropriate as experts in related events, and thus will provide necessary facilitation, assistance and support to ensure the participation of such Observers.

Paragraph 3

This MOU is not intended to create any legally binding obligations for the IPTP and the ICAPP.

Paragraph 4

Any differences arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU will be resolved amicably and in good faith through consultations and/or negotiations.

Paragraph 5

This MOU will come into effect on the date of signature, and it will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years. The MOU will be automatically extended for further periods of five (5) years, unless terminated by either the IPTP or the ICAPP, giving six (6) months prior notice in writing to the other side. The IPTP and the ICAPP may, upon mutual consent, introduce amendments and additions to this MOU, which will come into effect in the same manner as stated in the MOU. Such amendments and additions will form an integral part of this MOU.

Signed at Phnom Penh on the 22nd day of November 2024, in the English language.

On Behalf Of The International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace	**On Behalf Of The Global Council for Tolerance and Peace**	**On Behalf Of The International Conference of Asian Political Parties**
Suos Yara **President of IPTP**	**Ahmed bin Mohammed Aljarwan** **President of GCTP**	**Chung Eui-yong** **Chairman of ICAPP Standing Committee**

Appendix XII-3

H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimeriyanty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman
Secretary General of AIPA
Jakarta, Indonesia

September 11, 2024

Dear H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimeriyanty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman,

Our organization, the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), was launched in September 2000 to promote exchanges and cooperation among political parties in Asia. Now more than 350 political parties in the region with diverse political and ideological backgrounds are eligible to participate in the ICAPP activities. By bringing together leaders of political parties in Asia at regular assemblies, the ICAPP has become a positive political platform for mutual understanding among Asian countries and peoples.

In line with our objectives, the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) was suggested by the ASEAN Political party representatives and was given significant importance in our latest 41st Standing Committee meeting held on May 28 in Bangkok, Thailand.

I would like to inform you that the ICAPP intends to build close cooperation and partnership with the AIPA to help promote sustainable peace and shared prosperity in our region that both of us represent. It is with great pleasure that the ICAPP has concluded its internal consultation process in accordance with its Charter to sign the draft "Memorandum of Understanding on Exchange of Observers between the AIPA and the ICAPP".

Therefore, on behalf of the Standing Committee of ICAPP, I would like to propose the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding regarding observer exchange between AIPA and ICAPP. This MOU will facilitate greater collaboration and understanding between our organizations, enhancing our mutual efforts towards regional development and cooperation.

Given the importance of this matter, we kindly request that you review the attached draft MOU. I look forward to your positive response.

With warm regards,

Kwon Hee-seog

Kwon Hee-seog
Secretary-General of the ICAPP
Seoul, Republic of Korea

Appendix XII-4

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Exchange of Observers between the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) and the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)

The International Conference of Asian Political Parties (hereinafter referred to as "the ICAPP" as the First Party) and ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (hereinafter referred to as "the AIPA" as the Second Party). The First Party and the Second Party are hereinafter referred to collectively as "the Parties";

Recognizing the unique roles played by the parliamentarians in the AIPA and the representatives of political parties in the ICAPP, in creating an environment for sustained peace and shared prosperity in their regions, by promoting exchanges and cooperation between parliamentarians and political leaders representing various ideologies, and thus enhancing the mutual understanding and trust among peoples; and

Wishing that the enhanced cooperation and coordination between the Parties will further consolidate and channel diverse perspectives of the peoples, as expressed in political discourses at all levels; local, national, and regional, will contribute to helping them move forward to build a more peaceful, harmonious, and prosperous world;

Have reached the following understandings:

Paragraph 1

The Parties shall respect each Party's governing instruments, including but not limited to, Statutes, Rules of Procedures, and Charter, and support each Party's activities and initiatives to promote peace and prosperity in their regions, which are available and possible within their capacity.

Paragraph 2

The Parties may invite each Party's representatives to participate as observers in their respective meetings deemed appropriate, and provide support based on each organization's respective modalities and resources, to facilitate their participation.

Paragraph 3

This MOU does not impose any legally binding obligations for the Parties.

Paragraph 4

Any differences arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU shall be solved through consultations and/or negotiations between the AIPA and the ICAPP.

Paragraph 5

(1) This MOU will come into effect on the date of signature and will remain in effect for a period of three (3) years until 22 November 2027.
(2) This MOU may be renewed for further periods of no more than three (3) years by prior consent of the Parties, respecting each Party's procedures, and subject to a review of the results of the collaborative activities and a written agreement between the Parties.
(3) Either Party may terminate this MOU by providing the other Party with no less than three (3) months' prior written notice.
(4) The Parties may, upon mutual consent, introduce amendments and additions to this MOU, whether stated within this MOU or in separate legal documents that comply with the provisions herein. Such amendments and additions shall come into force in the same manner as this MOU and shall form an integral part thereof.

Signed at Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on the 22nd day of November 2024, in the English language.

Siti Rozaimeriyanty Dato
Haji Abdul Rahman
Secretary General
Secretariat of the AIPA
Jakarta, Indonesia

Kwon Hee-Seog
Secretary General
Secretariat of the ICAPP
Seoul, Republic of Korea

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- ICAPP Observer Mission to BRICS and Partner Countries Forum (Vladivostok, Russian Federation, June 16-19, 2024)

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- Results of National Elections in the Region

THE LEADERS OF POLITICAL PARTIES AND BUSINESSES GATHERED FOR 2ND ICAPP BUSINESS COUNCIL

The 2nd Meeting of the ICAPP Business Council (IBC) was held in Bangkok, Thailand during May 27-30, 2024, in conjunction with of "THAIFEX - Anuga Asia," which is one of the world's top three food exhibitions, held in Bangkok during May 28 to June 1, 2024.

The event was participated by over 110 delegates representing 22 political parties and 38 business entities in 20 countries in the region. Several observers from the European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) Group in the European Parliament and the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC) also attended the meeting.

Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveein, Co-Chairperson of the IBC, and Trade Representative and Advisor to the Prime Minister, Kingdom of Thailand, stressed in her opening remarks the need for the ICAPP to continue to "play a pivotal role in driving food security and tourism promotion for the well-being and prosperity of our region."

The 2nd IBC Meeting was divided into two plenary sessions which dealt with two different topics of "food security" and "tourism promotion" respectively.

On the first topic, participants underscored the importance of "food security," particularly in the context of current geopolitical tensions, recent challenges posed by climate change, and economic aftershocks from the pandemic, and agreed to work together to enable sustainable development of food industry and stable supply of nutritious food for successive generations through technical innovation and cooperation, and strengthening of national and global supply chain.

On the topic of "tourism promotion," the participants acknowledged that tourism remained as one of the main engines, stimulating our economies and serving as a conduit to sustainable development and cultural connectivity in the region, and agreed to the need for continued close coordination to map out viable tourism strategies which would be beneficial to both communities and the environment, affordable and inclusive.

The event highlighted the collaborative spirit among leaders of political parties and business communities in the region and reconfirmed their commitment to addressing common challenges through shared experiences and coordinated efforts.

The Bangkok Statement which reflected the results of the meeting was unanimously adopted at the closing session.

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ICAPP Meetings

The 41st Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee Meeting

The 41st Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee (SC) took place at the Hilton Grande Asoke Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand, on May 28, 2024, on the occasion of the 2nd IBC Meeting.

The SC Members welcomed Hon. Suos Yara of the Cambodian People's Party (CPP) as the new SC Member, replacing Hon. Khuon Sudary. It was also agreed that he would assume the Vice Chairmanship of the SC which was held by the representative of the CPP.

Following decisions were taken at the meeting:

- The 12th General Assembly (GA) will be hosted by the Cambodian People's Party in Phnom Penh during November 21-24, 2024. The 42nd SC Meeting, 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum and 3rd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC) will also be held on the sidelines of the 12th GA,
- The 8th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing will be hosted by the Mongolian People's Party (MPP) in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in August 2024. (The dates of the meeting was later confirmed during August 17-20, 2024), and
- The 6th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF) will be held in one of the European capitals in late 2024 or early 2025.

The SC Members also reviewed the following ICAPP activities since the 40th SC Meeting:

- The 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum in November 2023,
- ICAPP Special Workshop in December, 2023,
- ICAPP Observer Mission to Presidential election in Azerbaijan in February 2024,
- The 7th Meeting of ICAPP Youth Wing in February 2024,
- ICAPP Mission to the European Parliament in March 2024,
- Conclusion of MOU between the ICAPP and Non-Aligned Movement Parliamentary Network (NAM PN) in March 2024, and
- ICAPP Mission to the 3rd NAM PN Conference in March 2024.

The SC Members also agreed to recommend to the 12th GA in November to consider amending the ICAPP Charter to increase the number of countries represented in the SC from currently 23 to 25.

They also agreed to the proposal to conclude MOUs with the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) and the International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace (IPTP) to exchange observers to each other's meetings to expand the scope and activities of the ICAPP, and requested the Secretariat to contact these organizations with a view to concluding MOUs in the near future. The AIPA, established in 1977, represents the parliaments of the ten ASEAN member states, and, the IPTP, established in 2018 to foster global parliamentary cooperation for peace, represents parliaments in over 100 countries.

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ICAPP and PABSEC Sign MOU for Exchange of Observers

During the 41st SC Meeting, it was agreed to conclude an MOU with the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC) on exchange of observers, and Hon. Kwon Hee-seog, Secretary General of the ICAPP, and Hon. Asaf Hajiyev, Secretary General of the PBSEC signed and exchanged the MOU in the presence of the SC Members.

The PABSEC, established in 1993, represents parliaments in 13 member states from the Black Sea region, including Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, North Macedonia, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Türkiye, and Ukraine. It also includes observer states such as Belarus, Egypt, Israel, France, Germany, and the Slovak Republic.

The MOU aims to promote peace and prosperity in the area by fostering greater cooperation and coordination between the two organizations, contributing to regional stability and development, and to enhance cooperation by inviting representatives from each organization to participate in relevant meetings and activities, promoting mutual understanding among their member states. It was also agreed to respect each other's rules and procedures and not to create legally binding obligations. The agreement is set for a five-year term, with automatic extensions unless it is terminated with prior notice by one party.

ICAPP Chairman Meets with CPP Leaders in Seoul

Hon. Chung Eui-yong had a meeting with H.E. Hun Manet, Prime Minister and Vice Chairman of the Cambodian People's Party(CPP), on May 17, 2024 during his official visit to Seoul, Republic of Korea, and continued to discuss how to prepare for the successful General Assembly of the ICAPP to be held in Phnom Penh in November 2024.

They also exchanged views on how to further promote bilateral cooperative and friendly relations between Cambodia and the Republic of Korea.

- Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet Meets ICAPP SC Chairperson Hon. Chung Eui-yong on May 17, 2024 in Lotte Hotel in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

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Activities of ICAPP Secretariat

ICAPP Observers Participate in BRICS and Partner Countries Forum

Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee participated in the "International Inter-Party BRICS and Partner Countries Forum" held during June 16 to19, 2024, in Vladivostok, Russia. The Forum was hosted by the BRICS Presidency of the Russian Federation and the United Russia Party, and was attended by representatives of political parties from 28 countries from Asia, Europe, North and South America and Africa. H.E. Dmitry Medvedev, Chairman of the United Russia Party and former President of Russia, delivered a keynote speech at the opening ceremony.

The ICAPP delegation included Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairman of the ICAPP SC; Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Co-Chairman and Special Rapporteur; Hon. Suos Yara, Vice Chairman; and Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveesin, Member of the SC.

Hon. Chung Eui-yong and Hon. Suos Yara spoke on the topic of "BRICS and Partner countries as an efficient mechanism of development ties," while Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed and Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveesin spoke on the topic "Invisible and equal security as key principles for building genuine and lasting international peace."

On the sidelines of the forum, ICAPP representatives had separate meetings with representatives of other political parties and discussed ways of cooperation between the ICAPP and their parties. In particular, Hon. Chung Eui-yong had meetings with leaders of ANC (African National Congress) in South Africa and ZANU-PF (Zimbabwe African National Union – Patriotic Front) in Zimbabwe, and discussed ways to establish an organization of African political parties, through coordination and cooperation with the "Liberation Movement," a coalition of major parties in six countries in southern Africa.

Türkiye-China Held Exchange Mechanism and Strategic Dialogue in Beijing

On June 26th, the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Justice and Development Party (AK Parti) of Türkiye held a meeting on Exchange Mechanism and Strategic Dialogue between the two ruling parties. China was represented by Hon. Liu Jianchao, Minister of the International Department of the CPC, and Türkiye by Hon. Efkan Ala, Deputy Chairman of the AK Parti.. The dialogue focused on enhancing party governance and exploring modernization paths, with both sides agreeing to bolster strategic cooperation amidst shifts in global geopolitics.

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Thailand's Step Towards OECD Membership

Thailand has officially embarked on the process of joining the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), a significant move aimed at integrating the country into the global economic framework.

The OECD Council has unanimously agreed to initiate accession discussions with Thailand, marking a crucial milestone in the country's journey towards membership. This decision reflects Thailand's commitment to adhering to the high standards of economic governance, transparency, and sustainable development that the OECD promotes

The Thai government views OECD membership as an opportunity to enhance its economic competitiveness, attract foreign investment, and foster innovation. By joining the OECD, Thailand aims to leverage international best practices to drive sustainable growth and improve the quality of life for its citizens.

This move also signals Thailand's broader ambition to play a more active role in the global economic community. As the country progresses through the accession process, it will engage in rigorous evaluations and peer reviews, demonstrating its readiness to meet the OECD's stringent criteria.

In this regard, Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, welcomed the news and said "Thailand well deserves a membership in the organization with its robust economy and stable and strong democracy," in his remarks at the closing session of the 2nd IBC Meeting. on May 28th.

Results of National Elections in the Region

Senate Elections in Pakistan (April 02)
- Government Alliance (54/85)
  - PPP (Pakistan People's Party), (24/ 85)
  - PML(N) (Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz)), (19/85)
  - Others (11/85)
- Opposition Alliance (30/85)
  - PTI (17/85) (Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf)
  - JUI-F (3/85) (Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Pakistan)
  - Others (10/85)

Parliamentary Elections in the Republic of Korea (April 10)
- Democratic Party (175/300)
- People Power Party (108/300)
- Rebuilding Korea Party (12/300)
- New Reform Party (3/300)
- New Future Party (1/300)

Parliamentary Elections in Maldives (April 21)
- People's National Congress (66/93)
- Maldivian Democratic Party (12/93)
- Maldives Development Alliance (2/93)
- Jumhooree Party (Republican Party) (1/93)
- Maldives National Party (1/93)

Parliamentary Elections in Iran (March 01 – May 10)
- Principlists (162/290)
- Reformists (40/290)
- Non-affiliated (83/290)
- Minorities (5/290)

Parliamentary Elections in Solomon Island (April 17)
- Ownership, Unity and Responsibility Party (15/50)
- Solomon Islands Democratic Party (11/50)
- Solomon Islands United Party (6/50)
- People First Party (3/50)
- Kadere Party (1/50)
- Solomon Islands Party of Rural Advancement (SIPRA) (1/50)
- Umi for Change Party (1/50)

Parliamentary Elections in India (April 19 – June 01)
- Bharatiya Janata Party (Indian People's Party or BJP) (240/545)
- Indian National Congress (99/545)
- Samajwadi Party (37/545)
- All India Trinamool Congress (29/545)
- Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (22/545)
- Biju Janata Dal (12/545)

Parliamentary Election in Mongolia (June 28)
- Mongolian People's Party (68/126)
- Democratic Party (42/126)
- HUN Party (8/126)
- National Coalition (4/126)
- Civil Will-Green Party (4/126)

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THE LEADERS OF POLITICAL PARTIES GATHERED FOR 8th MEETING OF THE ICAPP WOMEN'S WING in MONGOLIA

The 8th Meeting of the ICAPP (International Conference of Asian Political Parties) Women's Wing took place in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, from August 17 to 20, 2024, under the theme "Empowering Women in the Asia Pacific."

The event, hosted by Hon. Nomin Chinbat, Member of Parliament and Minister of Culture, Sports, Tourism, and Youth of Mongolia, and Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing, saw participation from 60 political leaders and women representatives from 17 political parties across 11 Asian countries.

During the opening session on August 19, speakers highlighted how women, particularly in developing countries, have been disproportionately affected by the Corona pandemic. They emphasized the importance of overcoming diverse barriers that still hinder women's advancement and participation in many parts of Asia. Discussions centered around strategies to empower women, acknowledging that women are a vital asset to economic and social progress and that unlocking their potential is essential for the future of the region.

The meeting featured two key plenary sessions. The first, moderated by Hon. Mrs. Bolormaa Enkhbat, a Mongolian Member of Parliament, included six representatives from various political parties in Asia. These speakers shared their perspectives on pressing issues related to women's rights and empowerment, offering insights into how governments can better support women and increase their participation in decision-making processes.

The second plenary session continued the conversation with seven additional speakers, also moderated by Hon. Bolormaa Enkhbat. The discussions delved deeper into the challenges that women face in the post-pandemic world, proposing solutions such as more inclusive policies and frameworks that would address iniquities and promote equal opportunities for women across the Asia-Pacific region.

The meeting culminated in the adoption of the Ulaanbaatar Statement, which called for member parties to actively explore ways to broaden women's enfranchisement and increase their influence in policy formulation and urged participants to establish a communication network among women leaders in the region, allowing them to share their experiences and collaborate in addressing common challenges.

The closing session featured remarks by Hon. Nomin Chinbat and Hon. Kwon Hee-seog, Secretary General of the ICAPP. Both leaders expressed their gratitude to the participants for their valuable contributions to the discussions and reaffirmed the importance of continued cooperation in empowering women across the Asia-Pacific.

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Meeting with H.E. Hun Sen, President of the Cambodian People's Party, President of the Senate of Cambodia

Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the ICAPP (International Conference of Asian Political Parties) Standing Committee, held a high-level meeting with H.E. Hun Sen, President of the Cambodian People's Party (CPP) and President of the Senate of Cambodia, on September 11, 2024, in Incheon, Republic of Korea.

The meeting took place at the Inspire Entertainment Resort and focused on preparations for the upcoming 12th General Assembly (GA) of ICAPP, which is scheduled to be held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, from November 21-24, 2024.

During the meeting, Hon. Chung Eui-yong extended a warm welcome to H.E. Hun Sen, expressing his pleasure in receiving him in the Republic of Korea. He highlighted the vital role the CPP has played in advancing ICAPP's mission of promoting inter-party dialogue and cooperation across Asia. In particular, Hon. Chung Eui-yong acknowledged the significant contributions of Hon. Suos Yara, First Vice Chairman of the CPP Commission on External Relations, in helping organize the 12th GA.

H.E. Hun Sen, who has been a longstanding advocate of ICAPP's goals, expressed his satisfaction in reconnecting with Hon. Chung Eui-yong and underscored Cambodia's active participation in ICAPP activities over the years. He expressed optimism for the success of the upcoming GA and pledged full support from the Cambodian government.

The 12th GA is expected to be a historic event for ICAPP, with Hon. Chung Eui-yong noting that it would be the largest GA in the organization's history. The assembly is anticipated to attract over 300 representatives from political parties, international organizations, and other key stakeholders. Both leaders emphasized the importance of maintaining the non-partisan and neutral nature of the meeting, especially given the ongoing global geopolitical tensions.

H.E. Hun Sen stressed the need for the meeting to remain free from any political bias, particularly in the context of regional and international crises. In response, Hon. Chung Eui-yong reassured H.E. Hun Sen that ICAPP's Charter and its Major Understandings strictly prohibit remarks or discussions related to bilateral disputes or geopolitical conflicts during its meetings. To date, no significant issues have arisen in this regard, a testament to ICAPP's commitment to fostering open, constructive dialogue.

H.E. Hun Sen confirmed that the new Prime Minister of Cambodia, H.E. Hun Manet, would play a central role in overseeing the operational aspects of the 12th GA. H.E. Hun Sen emphasized the importance of supporting Hun Manet's leadership in ensuring a successful and smoothly conducted assembly.

Hon. Chung Eui-yong praised H.E. Hun Manet's esteemed role and expressed confidence in Cambodia's ability to host the assembly at the highest standard. He also commended H.E. Hun Sen's leadership and dedication to ICAPP's mission, while wishing him continued success during his stay in South Korea.

Both leaders agreed to further enhance cooperation between ICAPP and the Cambodian People's Party, reaffirming their shared commitment to promoting peace, security, and development through international political cooperation.

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Activities of ICAPP Mission

ICAPP Mission to Parliamentary Elections in Azerbaijan

As part of the ICAPP Observation Mission for the parliamentary elections held in Azerbaijan on September 1, 2024, Justice and Development Party (AK Party) Vice Chairman of Foreign Affairs, İbrahim Halil Korkmaz, provided observations on the election process. Korkmaz, representing the ICAPP delegation, which included participants from multiple countries, noted that the elections were conducted in a fair, transparent, and peaceful manner.

Korkmaz, who arrived in Baku on behalf of Türkiye's AK Party, was accompanied by representatives from various political parties, including Throng Chevyeasna of the Cambodian People's Party. Their mission was to observe the elections, which were held for the first time in the liberated Karabakh territories across 54 electoral districts. The elections involved approximately 6,500 ballot boxes, with voting taking place across 125 districts throughout the country.

During his address to the press, Korkmaz praised the election process and emphasized the significance of holding parliamentary elections in the Karabakh territories. He expressed satisfaction with the high voter turnout, particularly in the city of Khankendi, where participation reached approximately 50%. The overall voter turnout across Azerbaijan was reported at 38%, with 990 candidates competing for 125 parliamentary seats.

Korkmaz highlighted the seamless logistical preparations that had been made for the elections and observed the professionalism and diligence of both local and international election observers. He noted that no significant irregularities or restrictions were observed during the voting process, which proceeded smoothly despite challenging weather conditions.

Meeting with Hon. Dashzegve Amarbayasgalan, Speaker of the Mongolian Parliament

Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, met with Hon. Dashzegve Amarbayasgalan, Speaker of the Mongolian Parliament, on August 20, 2024 to discuss a range of topics, including Mongolia's political developments and their engagement in the ICAPP's Youth Wing and Women's Wing.

During the meeting, the Chairperson congratulated Hon. Dashzegve Amarbayasgalan on his appointment as Speaker and praised Mongolia for successfully hosting the 8th ICAPP Women's Wing meeting. Hon. Amarbayasgalan acknowledged Mongolia's commitment to advancing women and youth participation in politics, citing the MPP's dedication to future ICAPP events.

A key focus of the discussion was Mongolia's recent constitutional amendments made in the June 2024 parliamentary elections in which Mongolia implemented a new electoral system, increasing the number of parliamentary seats from 76 to 126. Both agreed that the new constitutional amendments have promoted gender equality, with women now holding 25% of seats in the newly elected parliament.

Hon. Dashzegve Amarbayasgalan emphasized that the amended party laws, incorporating European Union standards, mandate a 60:40 gender balance in political leadership.

Hon. Dashzegve Amarbayasgalan reaffirmed Mongolia's commitment to actively participating in ICAPP's future initiatives, particularly through the leadership of Hon. Uchral Nyam-Osor and Hon. Nomin Chinbat, who chair the ICAPP Youth Wing and Women's Wing, respectively.

The Chairperson commended Mongolia's efforts in promoting gender equality, particularly in politics. He highlighted the success of the ICAPP Women's Wing meeting, which was conducted as a standalone event, facilitating a more focused and effective discussion among female leaders. He also acknowledged the leadership of Hon. Nomin Chinbat and noted the advanced state of gender equality in Mongolia, which serves as an inspiration for other countries.

In closing, the Chairperson expressed admiration for Mongolia's mature democratic processes, noting the formation of a coalition government despite the MPP's majority. He concluded by expressing a desire for closer relations between Mongolia and the Republic of Korea, citing shared cultural heritage as a foundation for further cooperation.

"I have no doubt that this meeting will provide us with the opportunity to hear the truly diverse voices of women and to exchange their experiences and ideas on how to empower women to more actively engage in political, economic and social activities." *(Opening Remark of Chairperson)*

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Activities of ICAPP Secretariat

Meeting with H.E. Uchral Nyam-Osor, Chief of Staff of the Cabinet of Mongolia

Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, held a meeting with Hon. Uchral Nyam-Osor, Chief of Staff of the Cabinet of Mongolia, at the Government Palace in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, on August 20, 2024.

During the meeting, Hon. Chung Eui-yong extended his congratulations to Hon. Uchral Nyam-Osor on his election to the Mongolian Parliament on June 28, 2024, and his appointment as Chief of Staff of the Cabinet.

Hon. Chung Eui-yong also acknowledged the Mongolian government's success in forming a coalition government, recognizing it as a significant achievement in today's global political environment.

Hon. Chung Eui-yong highlighted the success of the 8th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing, describing it as highly focused and productive, and emphasized the importance of continuing this practice in future ICAPP meetings.

Hon. Uchral Nyam-Osor expressed his gratitude for Chairperson Chung's positive remarks. He acknowledged the considerable effort and support provided by both ICAPP and the Mongolian People's Party in organizing the Women's Wing meeting in Mongolia and conveyed his thanks to Chairperson Chung for his support.

Additionally, he emphasized that the coalition government in Mongolia, established through collaboration among multiple parties, represents a unique framework that offers new opportunities for the country. He also provided insights into the ongoing strategic planning and budgetary discussions within the government.

Hon. Uchral Nyam-Osor acknowledged the substantial efforts of the ICAPP delegation in facilitating Mongolia's active participation in ICAPP activities. He reaffirmed his commitment to further enhancing cooperation between Mongolia and ICAPP and expressed optimism about future collaborative endeavors. Additionally, he shared his readiness to contribute actively to ICAPP's initiatives.

Meeting with H.E. Sodbaatar Yangug, Secretary General of the Mongolian People's Party

On August 19, 2024, Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, met with Hon. Sodbaatar Yangug, Secretary General of the Mongolian People's Party (MPP), in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

During the meeting, Hon. Sodbaatar Yangug extended a warm welcome to the Chairperson, expressing appreciation for ICAPP's third event hosted in Mongolia within a year. the Chairperson, in turn, congratulated the MPP on its recent victory in the June parliamentary elections, marking their third consecutive win.

During the meeting, the Chairperson emphasized the importance of increasing high-level MPP representatives' participation in the ICAPP Standing Committee (SC), recognizing the critical role SC plays in the organization's decision-making processes. Hon. Sodbaatar Yangug affirmed the MPP's intention to nominate a party representative for the role of ICAPP Vice Chairperson and host future ICAPP events.

Hon. Sodbaatar Yangug further expressed the MPP's readiness to send high-level representatives to the upcoming 12th ICAPP General Assembly (GA) in November.

The discussion was made on geopolitical tensions in the region, which were a concern for both parties. the Chairperson expressed his apprehension regarding these tensions, and Hon. Sodbaatar Yangug noted Mongolia's active diplomatic efforts to maintain positive relationships with its neighbor countries. He emphasized the MPP's willingness to serve as a diplomatic bridge among them.

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ICAPP SC Members

Communist Party of China Nominates Hon. Sun Haiyan as New Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee

On September 5, 2024, the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (IDCPC) nominated Hon. Sun Haiyan, Vice Minister of IDCPC, as its new representative as the Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee. Hon. Sun Haiyan has taken over from Hon. Guo Yezhou, who had previously served as Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee.

The ICAPP Secretariat distributed the official letter from the IDCPC and the curriculum vitae of Hon. Sun Haiyan to all distinguished members of the ICAPP Standing Committee.

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT
CENTRAL COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA

People Power Party of Republic of Korea Nominates Hon. Shin Sung Bum as New ICAPP Standing Committee Member

On August 28, 2024, the leader of the People Power Party (PPP) of the Republic of Korea, Hon. Han Dong Hoon, officially nominated Hon. SHIN Sung Bum, a Member of the National Assembly and Chair of the Intelligence Committee, as the new representative of the PPP to the ICAPP Standing Committee.

Hon. Shin Sung Bum replaced Hon. Ha Tae-keung, the former representative and Member of the National Assembly who served in the Foreign Affairs & Unification Committee.

The announcement was shared with all distinguished members of the ICAPP Standing Committee, along with an official letter from Hon. Han Dong Hoon and the curriculum vitae of Hon. Shin Sung Bum.

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Jatiyo Party of Bangladesh Nominates Hon. Masroor Mawla as New ICAPP Standing Committee Member

On September 15, 2024, the Jatiyo Party of the People's Republic of Bangladesh announced the appointment of Hon. Masroor Mawla, Special Envoy for International Affairs and Presidium Member, as the new representative of the Jatiyo Party to the ICAPP Standing Committee.

Hon. Mawla replaces Hon. Rana Mohammad Sohail in this important role. An official letter from Hon. Ghulam Mohammed Quader, Chairman of the Jatiyo Party, along with the curriculum vitae of Hon. Masroor Mawla, was circulated to all distinguished members of the ICAPP Standing Committee.

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Hon. Audrey Azoulay
Director-General
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
Paris, France

September 26, 2024

Dear Director-General,

It is with great pleasure and privilege that we, the undersigned, inform you that the Members of the Standing Committee (SC) of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) have recently reached a consensus on May 17, 2024, authorizing us to take necessary measures to extend the Cooperation Agreement between the ICAPP and UNESCO (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") in accordance with Article 6 of the Agreement, which was signed in Siem Reap, Cambodia, on December 4, 2018, by the Secretary General of the ICAPP Secretariat, the Director General of UNESCO, and the Chairperson of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC).

It is our firm belief that by extending the Agreement, the ICAPP and the UNESCO will further promote the partnership with the UNESCO on matters of common interest with a view to promoting the attainment of the objectives laid down by the Constitution of UNESCO and by the Charter of ICAPP, as stipulated in Articles 1 and 2 of the Agreement. In this regard, the ICAPP would like to request that the UNESCO review the draft of the revised Agreement in particular the amendment to the Article 6 to facilitate the future extensions of this Agreement.

We are also pleased to inform you that, during the last 5 years since signing the Agreement, the ICAPP has incorporated the letters and the spirits of the Agreement in all of ICAPP activities, such as the biennial General Assemblies, regular Standing Committee meetings and all the meetings of its affiliated groups, including the ACC, ICAPP Media Forum, ICAPP Women's Wing, ICAPP Youth Wing, and ICAPP Business Council. Some of the reports of these activities are attached herewith for your ready reference.

We will consider with your consent that this letter and your affirmative reply in writing will constitute the agreement by both organizations to extend the Agreement.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Suos Yara
Chairperson of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC)
PhnomPenh, Cambodia

Kwon Hee-seog
Secretary-General of the ICAPP
Seoul, Republic of Korea

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COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

AND

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ASIAN POLITICAL PARTIES

The present Cooperation Agreement (hereafter referred to as the "Agreement") is entered into between the International Conference of Asian Political Parties ("ICAPP") and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization ("UNESCO"), hereinafter referred to individually as the "Party" and jointly as the "Parties".

WHEREAS UNESCO is the United Nations specialized agency that contributes to peace and security by promoting collaboration among states through education, the sciences and cultures, in order to further universal respect for justice, for the rule of law and for the human rights and fundamental freedoms which are affirmed for the peoples of the world, without distinction of race, sex, language or religion, by the Charter of the United Nations;

WHEREAS ICAPP is a special organization of the ruling and opposition political parties of independent and equal sovereign states in Asia, each responsible for its own policies, consulting and co-operating in the common interests of its peoples and in the promotion of international understanding, world peace, common prosperity and diverse culture, and the Asian Cultural Council (the "ACC") is an affiliated body of ICAPP which shall encourage and promote cultural cooperation, as well as preservation, protection and management of cultural heritage;

CONSIDERING that both Parties wish to update, consolidate and strengthen their cooperation in a programme-oriented manner for the purpose of achieving their common aims within the context of the United Nations Charter, the Constitution of UNESCO and the Charter of ICAPP and Terms of Reference of its affiliated bodies, including the ACC, values and objectives;

The Parties hereby agree as follow:

Article 1
Area of Cooperation

The Parties agree to act in close cooperation on matters of common interest with a view to promoting the attainment of the objectives laid down by the Constitution of UNESCO and by the Charter of ICAPP and Terms of Reference of its affiliated bodies, having due regard to their respective objectives and mandates. The areas of cooperation may include the following priority pillars:

1. ICAPP may cooperate to achieve mutual goals in the following areas within the framework of UNESCO's Approved Program and Budget, and whenever applicable, in line with UNESCO's standard setting instruments, as follows:

- Promoting regional cooperation in support of capacity building, science, technology and innovation policies as key drivers for sustained peace and shared prosperity;

- Expanding the opportunities and participation of young people and women in areas of UNESCO's mandate and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

- Strengthening national, regional and global approaches to promote peace-building and dialogue through promoting cooperative programs and intercultural exchanges;

- Advancing the right to freedom of expression and capacities in accordance with international standards and state obligations;

- Fostering the use of information technology in education, science and culture.

2. The Asian Cultural Council (ACC) of ICAPP proposed to establish by the members of ICAPP Standing Committee, particularly including Cambodia, China, Nepal and Russia may develop and implement partnership programmes with UNESCO in the field of culture, as follows:

   - Develop collaborative approaches to promote innovation and scale up networks, partnerships, and capacities for implementing UNESCO's culture conventions at the national level and foster their contribution to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

   - Promote regional and international cooperation and strengthen capacities for the fight against the illicit trafficking of cultural property;

   - Enhance and promote the role of museums in achieving the SDGs by strengthening the implementation of the UNESCO 2015 Recommendation concerning the protection and promotion of museums and collections, their diversity and their role in society;

   - Support the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage through strengthening inter-generational transmission, including through the provision of capacity building for stakeholders at different levels.

3. Cooperation on the above areas will be subject to the availability of adequate resources to fund resulting initiatives, programmes, projects and/or activities.

Article 2
Modalities of Cooperation and Coordination

1. The Parties shall, on a regular basis, keep each other informed of and consult on matters of common interest, which in their opinion are likely to lead to mutual collaboration.

2. Each party can invite the other to participate as observer in conformity to its procedures and practices to conferences and meetings it organizes on issues of common interests.

3. The Parties shall, at such intervals as deemed appropriate, convene meetings to review the progress of cooperation being carried out under the present Agreement and to plan future activities.

4. The Parties will cooperate through their appropriate organs and enter into consultations as and, when necessary, to discuss specific forms of joint actions, for implementation of this Agreement.

5. It is understood that in order to implement the specific activities envisioned hereunder, the Parties may conclude specific agreements in accordance with their applicable regulations, rules and procedures, which shall specify, if any, appropriate mechanisms for sharing the costs or expenses relating to the activity and how they are to be borne by the Parties.

6. For the purpose of facilitating the day-to-day implementation of the Agreement, the Parties agree to designate focal points for its implementation.

   (1) For ICAPP : The Secretariat of ICAPP and ACC
   (2) For UNESCO : The Representing Office designated by the Director-General

Article 3
Conditions

1. Unless authorized in writing by UNESCO, ICAPP shall not use the name, acronym or official logo of UNESCO, or any abbreviation of the name of UNESCO, for advertising or any other purposes.

2. Unless authorized in writing by ICAPP, UNESCO shall not use official symbols or any abbreviation of the name of ICAPP, for advertising or any other purposes.

Article 4
Privileges and Immunities of UNESCO

Nothing in or relating to the present Agreement shall be deemed a waiver of any of the privileges and immunities of UNESCO.

Article 5
Settlements of Disputes

All disputes arising out of or in connection with the present Agreement shall be settled by mutual understanding. However, if no amicable settlement can be arrived at, any dispute shall be arbitrated according to the rules defined by UNCITRAL (United Nations Commission on International Trade Law).

Article 6
Coming into effect, Duration, Review and Termination

1. This Agreement will come into effect upon its signature by both Parties, and remain effective for a period of five (5) years from the date of signature, being automatically extended for further periods of five (5) years, unless terminated by either UNESCO or the ICAPP, giving six (6) months prior notice in writing to the other side.

2. This Agreement may be reviewed, amended, extended or modified by the mutual written agreement of both Parties, in accordance with their respective rules, regulations and procedures. Any extension, revision, amendment or modification will not prejudice the

completion of any ongoing programmes, projects and/or initiatives previously agreed upon by both Parties under this Agreement.

3. Either Party may terminate this Agreement upon three months' written notice to the other Party.

In witness thereof, the undersigned, having been duly authorized by their respective Parties, have signed this Agreement.

Done in [Phnom Penh, Cambodia] on [the 4th of December of the year] 2024, in three original copies in English.

ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION	**ON BEHALF OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ASIAN POLITICAL PARTIES**	**ON BEHALF OF THE ASIAN CULTURAL COUNCIL**
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ICAPP Charter

(As adopted at the 4th General Assembly on September 10, 2006 and amended at the 5th General Assembly on September 26, 2009, amended at the 7th General Assembly on November 23, 2012 and amended at the 8th General Assembly on September 19, 2014)

PREAMBLE

We, the leaders and representatives of political parties in Asia, gathered for the Fourth General Assembly of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (hereinafter referred to as the "ICAPP") in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from September 7 to 10, 2006,

UPHOLDING the United Nations' Charter, and the principles of mutual respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty, mutual non-aggression, mutual non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful co-existence;

RECOGNIZING the immense potential of Asia to become the political, economic, and social center of the global stage in the twenty first century if permanent peace and shared prosperity is achieved in the region

REALIZING that challenges in Asia can be more efficiently and effectively addressed if the political leaders of the region unite through sustained dialogue by building mutual confidence and fellowship, by seeking political consensus through consultation and sharing of experiences, and by developing common political strategies

RECALLING that a regularly held gathering of political leaders in the region is an effective tool in seeing the potential of Asia become a reality since it fosters such sustained dialogue

HAVING HELD the First General Assembly of the ICAPP in September 2000 in Manila, Republic of the Philippines, followed by the Second and Third General Assemblies in Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand in November 2002 and Beijing, People's Republic of China in September 2004, respectively

DO HEREBY PROCLAIM that the Articles set forth in this Charter shall govern the objectives, institutional arrangements, and activities of the ICAPP.

ARTICLES

CHAPTER I. OBJECTIVES

Article 1

The objectives of the ICAPP shall be:

a. to promote exchanges and cooperation between political parties with various ideologies in Asia;
b. to enhance mutual understanding and trust among the peoples and countries in the region;
c. to promote regional cooperation through the unique role and channel of political parties and
d. to create an environment for sustained peace and shared prosperity in the region.

CHAPTER II. MEMBERSHIP

Article 2

1. The ICAPP shall be open to political parties in Asia with democratically elected members in the parliaments of their respective countries, which are Member States of the United Nations.

2. Under certain circumstances, the Standing Committee of the ICAPP (hereinafter referred to as the "Standing Committee") may decide to extend invitations to organizations or groups, which do not fulfill the criteria above, to participate in the activities of the ICAPP, as Observers, including attending the General Assembly of the ICAPP (hereinafter referred to as the "General Assembly"), in the interests of rendering the activities of the ICAPP more inclusive and representative of the diversities existing in Asia.

Article 3

1. For the purposes of this Charter, the term "parliament" shall mean any national body performing legislative functions of that country. The term "political party" shall mean any political organization which has been legally formed and recognized in the respective countries.

CHAPTER III. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 4

1. In furtherance of the objectives of the ICAPP, as prescribed in Article 1 of this Charter, a General Assembly shall be held once every two (2) years on a rotational basis among its members, unless otherwise decided by the Standing Committee. It shall be held, in principle, for three (3) working days in the latter half of the year.

2. The General Assembly shall be, in principle, composed of the following program:
   a. Opening Ceremony;
   b. Plenary Session and Thematic Committee meetings;
   c. Special Workshops and other events upon the approval of the Standing Committee
   d. Standing Committee meetings; and
   e. Closing Ceremony

Article 5

1. All members interested in hosting the following General Assembly shall submit written notification to the Standing Committee before the conclusion of the previous General Assembly.

2. The venue and the host(s) for the following General Assembly shall be determined by consensus at the Standing Committee meeting.

Article 6

1. The main theme and up to three (3) sub themes of the General Assembly, which are consistent with the objectives of the ICAPP, shall be proposed by the host(s) and approved by the Standing Committee.

2. The main theme of the General Assembly shall be discussed at the Plenary Session. The sub themes of the General Assembly shall be discussed at the Thematic Committee meetings.

3. Any member may submit proposals for the main theme and sub themes of the General Assembly to the Standing Committee. Such proposals must be made in writing before the conclusion of the previous General Assembly.

4. In addition to the Plenary Session and the Thematic Committee meetings held during the General Assembly, special workshops on specific issues, which are relevant to the ICAPP, may be held upon the approval of the Standing Committee.

Article 7

1. The Bureau of the General Assembly (hereinafter referred to as the "Bureau") shall be comprised of one (1) Chairperson and up to five (5) Vice Chairpersons for the Plenary Session, and (1) Chairperson and up to three (3) Vice Chairpersons for each Thematic Committee meeting. The list of candidates for the Bureau will be prepared by the Standing Committee and recommended to the General Assembly for its approval at the Opening Ceremony by consensus.

2. The Chairpersons of the Plenary Session and the Thematic Committee meetings shall prepare the list of speakers at the Plenary Sessions and Thematic Committee meetings in accordance with the order of application or request from the members.

3. In case that the General Assembly is co-hosted by two or more number of political parties of a country, the Bureau of the General Assembly may be comprised of Co-Chairpersons.

Article 8

1. The political party, or parties, hosting the General Assembly shall bear the primary expenses of the General Assembly.

2. The primary expenses include logistical arrangements for the General Assembly, i.e., conference facilities, domestic transportation, etc. The primary expenses shall not include, inter alia, international transportation to and from the location of the General Assembly.

3. For the purposes of holding the General Assembly, the political party, or parties, hosting the General Assembly may seek voluntary contributions from members of the ICAPP and other organizations.

CHAPTER IV. STANDING COMMITTEE

Article 9

1. A Standing Committee, composed of the representatives of political parties of not exceeding twenty-three (23) countries in the region, shall be established.

2. The Members of the Standing Committee, who will serve for two years from the end of a General Assembly until the end of the following General Assembly, shall be nominated at the Standing Committee held on the margins of the General Assembly and approved by the General Assembly.

3. Members of the Standing Committee shall actively participate in all ICAPP activities and programs. If a member, or his or her designated representative from the same political party, fails to attend the Standing Committee meetings for more than two (2) consecutive times, without providing reasonable cause of absence, the membership of the party in the Standing Committee may be revoked by the decision of the Standing Committee.

4. The membership in the Standing Committee may be shared by up to two (2) principal political parties from each country, which is invited to the Standing Committee, with equal status and responsibility.

Article 10

1. The Standing Committee will make decisions on the venue, main theme, and sub themes of the General Assembly as provided in Article 6. Additionally, it shall lay out the procedures of the Plenary Session and Thematic Committee meetings and any other matters as outlined in this Charter.

2. For the purposes of performing its duties, as prescribed in the foregoing, the Standing Committee meeting shall be held at least once a year, including its meetings during the General Assembly.

Article 11

1. One (1) Chairperson and one (1) Vice Chairperson of the Standing Committee shall be elected by consensus of the members of the Standing Committee during the General Assembly. The Chairperson shall serve for two (2) years or until the next General Assembly is held.

2. The Chairperson shall preside over the Standing Committee meetings, held pursuant to Article 10 of this Charter, and represent the ICAPP during the period between the General Assemblies.

3. In the event that the Chairperson is no longer able to serve his or her term before its completion, the Vice Chairperson will assume the position until the following Standing Committee meeting is held.

CHAPTER V. SECRETARIAT

Article 12

The Secretariat of the ICAPP shall be established to execute the following functions, among others:

1. to maintain and update the list of the political parties in the region, a database for the ICAPP activities and the official website(www.theicapp.org);

2. to provide necessary information and assistance to the members of the ICAPP, in particular the members of the Standing Committee and the host of the General Assembly in assuming their roles in the ICAPP activities; and

3. to establish contacts and promote cooperation with other international or regional organizations of political parties, and other international or regional parliamentary organizations.

Article 13

1. The Secretariat shall comprise a Secretary General and such staff as the ICAPP activities may require. The Secretary General shall be appointed by the Standing Committee. The appointment shall be subject to confirmation at the General Assembly.

2. The Secretary General shall act in that capacity in all ICAPP meetings and perform such other functions as are entrusted by the General Assembly and/or the Standing Committee.

CHAPTER VI. AMENDMENTS

Article 14

1. Proposals to amend this Charter shall be made in writing and submitted to the Chairperson of the Standing Committee at least three (3) months in advance prior to the commencement of the General Assembly.

2. The Chairperson of the Standing Committee shall, without delay, communicate such proposal(s) to the members of the Standing Committee who shall then review the proposals and present a joint report with recommendation(s) to the following General Assembly.

3. The proposal(s) shall be reviewed and adopted as amendment(s) to the Charter by the consensus of the General Assembly.

CHAPTER VII. WORKING LANGUAGE

Article 15

1. The working language of the ICAPP shall be English.

2. During the General Assembly, however, if any member provides his or her own simultaneous interpreter(s) from his or her native language to English, the host(s) of the meeting will provide facilities for simultaneous interpretation.

ICAPP Charter and Major Understandings

Major Understandings and Decisions reached at the ICAPP Standing Committee Meetings

As of 14 November 2023

1. 5th SC Meeting in Seoul during June 1-3, 2006

- The Members agreed to extend invitations to political parties in the Palestinian National Authority in an effort to render the ICAPP activities more inclusive and representative of the diversities existing in the region.

2. 7th SC Meeting in Seoul during February 23-24, 2007

- Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Uri Party of the Republic of Korea, was elected Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee.

- The Members agreed to invite the Liberal Party of Australia, the Justice and Development Party (*AK Parti*) of Turkey and the United Russian Party of the Russian Federation as new members of the SC.

3. 8th SC Meeting in Tehran during November 22-23, 2007

- The Members agreed that the following two criteria would be applied to the political parties in Asia to be eligible for invitation to the future ICAPP activities, including the General Assemblies; (1) Political parties which have more than one percent of elected seats in their national parliaments; or (2) Political parties which have won more than one percent of popular votes in their latest national parliamentary elections, as certified and recognized by their national election commissions.

4. 10th SC Meeting in Astana during March 27-28, 2009

- The budget and personnel to implement the functions of the ICAPP Secretariat shall be initially provided by the host country. Issues relating to the further budget and personnel of the Secretariat will continue to be discussed in the Standing Committee.

- The Members agreed to establish the ICAPP Secretariat in Seoul, Republic of Korea. And Co-Chairman Chung Eui-yong formally accepted the nomination made at the 9th SC Meeting to assume the position of Secretary General of the ICAPP as of January 1, 2009.

5. 11th SC Meeting in Astana during September 24-28, 2009

- The Members agreed that the decision not to invite certain eligible political parties to the ICAPP General Assembly can be made only by the consensus of the Standing Committee.

6. 13th SC Meeting in Kunming on July 16, 2010

- The Members agreed that all representatives of the political parties at ICAPP Meetings should refrain from raising any issues directly related to bilateral conflicts or disputes among the countries in the region. It was highly recommended, however, to seek direct dialogue among political parties in the concerned countries to promote understanding and prevent such conflicts or disputes from getting further aggravated.

- The Members agreed to recommend to all members of the Standing committee to adopt the similar arrangement reached between the two main political parties in Japan and Korea that as long as they retain membership in the ICAPP SC, the representative of the political party with the largest number of seats in their respective Parliament at the time would represent Japan or Korea at the SC as its member, while the representative of the political party with second largest number of seats in the Parliament would attend the SC meetings as observers. They agreed that such formula in the SC membership will make the ICAPP activities more inclusive and credible.

- The Members endorsed the establishment of the ICAPP Medical Emergency Forum (IMEF), as proposed by the UMNO at the 12th SC Meeting.

7. 14th SC Meeting in Phnom Penh during December 1-3, 2010

- The Members elected Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Secretary General of the Pakistan Muslim League-Q, as Special Rapporteur of the Standing Committee.

- The Members agreed to the new list of the eighteen political parties from eighteen countries whose representatives would compose the new Standing Committee; i.e. Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Russian Federation, Turkey and Vietnam.

- The Members endorsed the Secretariat's proposal to seek observer status in the U.N. General Assembly (UNGA) and agreed to request their respective governments to co-sponsor the draft resolution in the UNGA.

8. 16th SC Meeting in Seoul during October 27-30, 2011

- The Members agreed to establish the ICAPP Youth Wing to help young politicians explore and strengthen their capabilities as political leaders. They also welcomed the proposal to establish the ICAPP Media Forum and agreed to form a working group to discuss how to set up the media forum.

- The Members also agreed to establish the ICAPP Women's Wing to further strengthen the role of women in politics in the region.

9. 17th SC Meeting in Baku during June 21-23, 2012

- The Members agreed to establish the ICAPP-COPPPAL Economic Council[1] and the ICAPP Committee on Climate Change.

- In this regard, the Members agreed that the ICAPP-affiliated groups, including the ICAPP Youth Wing, ICAPP Women's Wing and the IMEF, should remain under the umbrella of the ICAPP Standing Committee and their activities should be fully consistent with the objectives and principles of the ICAPP.

10. 18th SC Meeting in Baku on November 21, 2012

- The Members agreed to increase the number of SC Members from eighteen to twenty-two and to invite political parties from Bangladesh, Lebanon, Mongolia, Myanmar and Thailand as new SC members. They agreed to revoke the membership of Bahrain in accordance with the ICAPP Charter.

11. 19th SC Meeting in Hanoi during April 22-24, 2013

- The Members endorsed the Secretariat's proposal to conclude an inter-governmental Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide support for the ICAPP activities and agreed to recommend their respective governments to sign the MOU.

12. 23rd SC Meeting in Colombo on September 18, 2014

- The Members agreed to increase the number of SC members to twenty-three and to invite Sri Lanka as new a member. They also agreed to amend the ICAPP Charter to allow up to two principal political parties in the member countries to be represented in the Standing Committee.

- The Members elected Hon. Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers, and Representative of the Cambodian People's Party as Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee.

- The Members reconfirmed that consensus-building, or unanimous decision-making, is one of the main pillars of the ICAPP and the ICAPP should continue to abide by this principle in its future activities.

13. 24th SC Meeting in Kuala Lumpur on February 28 – March 3, 2015

- The Members agreed to change the name of the group from the IMEF to the ICAPP Program for Disasters Assistance (IPDA) to correctly represent the intended direction and scope of the group's activities.

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[1] *ICAPP-COPPPAL Economic Council was later renamed to ICAPP-COPPPAL Business Council (ICBC) prior to its 1st Meeting, which took place on 28-29 November 2014 in Mexico City, Mexico*

14. 25th SC Meeting in Beijing, China on October 15, 2015

- The Members agreed to establish an ICAPP-EU Political Forum (IEPF)[2] to promote closer cooperation between the ICAPP and political parties in the European Parliament.

15. 28th SC Meeting in Seoul on July 7, 2017

- The Members agreed to establish the ICAPP Cultural Council, which was first proposed at the ICAPP Special Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation in Vladivostok in May 2015. The Members also decided to rename the ICAPP Cultural Council to "Asian Cultural Council" (ACC).

- The Members agreed to increase the number of Bureau Members of the SC to five and elected Hon. Hor Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister and Former Foreign Minister of Cambodia, Hon. Zheng Xiaosong, Vice Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, and Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Secretary General of the Pakistan Muslim League-Q of Pakistan, respectively, as Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee.

16. 31st SC Meeting in Moscow on October 24, 2018

- It was agreed to establish Coordinate Secretariat among the ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP to be assumed by the ICAPP Secretariat and its Secretary General during the 3rd Trilateral Meeting among the ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP on 26th of October.

17. 32nd SC Meeting in Colombo on April 6, 2019

- The Members agreed to elect the member as a Bureau of the ICAPP Standing Committee for one term (2 years) who has hosted the General Assembly of the ICAPP. In this regard, Hon. Andrey Klimov, Deputy Secretary General of the United Russia Party on International Relations, who hosted the 10th Meeting of the ICAPP General Assembly in Moscow in 2018, was appointed as Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee for two years.

- The Members expressed great interest in the proposal of Hon. Shahidan Bin Kassim, Member of Parliament, United Malays National Organization (UMNO) and Former Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister of Malaysia, to establish a "Tourism Promotion Council"[3] as an ICAPP Affiliated Body.

18. 37th SC Meeting in Prague on June 11, 2022

- The Members agreed to establish a separate ICAPP Business Council as an affiliated body of the ICAPP. It was also agreed that the ICAPP Secretariat will play the role of

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[2] *IEPF was renamed to Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF) prior to its 1st Meeting, which took place on 7-10 July 2017 in Seoul, Republic of Korea*

[3] *Upon further consultations with the Members after the 32nd SC Meeting, it was agreed to establish the Tourism Promotion and Inter-City Cooperation (TOPIC) Council. The 1st Meeting of the TOPIC Council took place on 13-16 December 2019 in Terengganu, Malaysia.*

the Secretariat of the ICAPP Business Council. The draft Terms of Reference for the ICAPP Business Council were adopted.

- The Members unanimously elected Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveesin, Chairperson of Foreign Affairs Committee of *Pheu Thai* Party, former Thailand Trade Representative, as the Co-Chairperson, and Hon. Fadi Fawaz, Advisor for Development Affairs to H.E. Saad Hariri, Prime Minister and Chairman of Future Movement Party and Hon. Ha Tae-keung, Member of the National Assembly (National Defense Committee), Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the National Assembly of Korea, People Power Party, as Vice-Chairpersons of the ICAPP Business Council.

19. 38th SC Meeting in Istanbul on November 17, 2022

- The Members agreed to name Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founder of the ICAPP and Chair Emeritus of the ICAPP Standing Committee, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, former President of *Lakas-CMD* Party, Philippines; Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, former Director of the National Security Office, former Chairperson of Foreign Relations Committee of the *Minjoo* (Democratic) Party, Republic of Korea; Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed Special Rapporteur and Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Chairperson of Senate Committee on Defense, Pakistan Muslim League-*N*, former Minister of Tourism and Information, Pakistan.

  According to the ICAPP practice, the Members also agreed to elect Hon. Efkan Ala, Member of the ICAPP SC, Chairperson of the Organizing Committee of the GA, Deputy Chairperson of the *AK Parti* in charge of Foreign Affairs, Member of Parliament of Türkiye, as Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP SC in recognition of his endeavors in hosting the 11th GA.

  The change of the ICAPP leadership was reported to and endorsed by the 11th General Assembly.

Brief Introduction of the ICAPP

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The International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) was launched in Manila, Philippines in September 2000 to promote exchanges and cooperation among political parties with various ideologies in Asia and Oceania.

The ICAPP seeks to enhance mutual understanding and deepen trust in the region and in doing so, promote peace and prosperity through the unique role and channel of political parties.

At first, few people thought it would be possible to bring together competing governing, opposition and independent political parties of Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, Central Asia, West Asia, the Middle East, and Oceania. However, since its inception, the ICAPP has grown steadily in both membership and influence.

Now more than 350 political parties in the region with diverse political and ideological backgrounds are eligible to participate in the ICAPP activities. By bringing together leaders of political parties in Asia at regular assemblies, the ICAPP has become a positive force for mutual understanding among Asian countries and peoples. The ICAPP meetings have been visionary, cordial, constructive and successful.

The ICAPP has become institutionalized through wide-ranging programs and a sophisticated structure. The General Assembly, which welcomes all eligible political parties across Asia and Oceania, is held every other year. The Standing Committee, which is composed of political party representatives from 23 countries, meets semi-annually to address general matters of the ICAPP. Special Conferences are held on timely topics upon recommendations from the Standing Committee, and small-scale workshops are also held targeting specific audiences and issues. Themes of previous Special Conferences and workshops include, among others, prevention of political corruption, green development, migration and refugees and promotion of business opportunities, among others.

The ICAPP Youth Wing and Women's Wing have also been established and their annual meetings focus on issues related to empowerment, education, employment, human rights, and equal opportunities for women and young people. Other subsidiary bodies, including ICAPP Media Forum, ICAPP Business Council (IBC), and Asian Cultural Council (ACC) have also been set up under the Standing Committee and hold their meetings on a regular basis.

The ICAPP has also established channels of dialogue with political parties in Africa, Europe, and the Americas. This is manifested through its partnership with the Permanent Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean (*COPPPAL*), the European Parliament, and the Council of African Political Parties (CAPP). The ICAPP and *COPPPAL* have been holding joint sessions annually since 2009 and the trilateral meetings among the Members of ICAPP Standing Committee, *COPPPAL* Coordinating Body and CAPP Executive Committee have been held since 2016. At the 3rd Trilateral Meeting among the ICAPP-*COPPPAL*-CAPP, which was held in Moscow, Russia in 2018, the three organizations agreed to designate the ICAPP Secretariat as the Common Secretariat to further joint cooperation in the future. The Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF), which is regularly co-organized by the ICAPP and the political party groups represented in the European Parliament, particularly, the European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR) is also designed to further intercontinental cooperation. The AEPF Meetings have been held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, in 2017, in

London, United Kingdom, in 2018, in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in 2019, in Prague, Czech Republic, in 2022, and in Kathmandu, Nepal, in 2023.

In recognition of the ICAPP's role in bringing together various political parties to promote understanding and friendship among countries not only in Asia, but also in Africa, Europe and Latin America, a number of governments in the region, including Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Iran, Kazakhstan, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Vietnam, have signed the inter-governmental "MOU on Cooperation to Support the Activities of the ICAPP" in 2013. More governments are encouraged to join in signing the MOU.

In 2024, the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) signed four Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) on the exchange of observers at relevant meetings. The first MOU was with the Non-Aligned Movement Parliamentary Network (NAM-PN), the second was with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC), the third was with the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), and the fourth was with the International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace (IPTP).

The ICAPP strives to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals by raising awareness on key issues and fostering dialogue on the design and implementation of policies that can bring positive change. In 2018, the UNESCO acknowledged the ICAPP as an international organization of political parties of independent states and signed the "Cooperation Agreement between the UNESCO and the ICAPP." The ICAPP will continue to play its role not only in building a cohesive community in Asia, but also in contributing to the global quest for peace and prosperity.

The 5th General Assembly held in 2009 decided to establish the ICAPP Secretariat in Seoul, Republic of Korea. Thanks to the support of many governments in the region, the Secretariat has been able to develop and expand the scope of the ICAPP activities.

The ICAPP Secretariat can be reached by email at secretariat@theicapp.org. More detailed information on the ICAPP and its activities can be found on its website at www.theicapp.org.