Draft Annotated Agenda for the 13th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee

(Kunming, China, Friday, July 16, 2010)

I. Preparation for the 6th General Assembly

1. Report from the Organizing Committee of the 6th General Assembly

At the 12th Standing Committee (SC) Meeting held in Kathmandu on February 29, 2010, it was agreed by the SC Members (hereinafter referred to as "the Members") to change the venue and the time of 6th GA after concerns raised by some of the Members over security situation in Karachi, Pakistan. In this respect, a proposal was offered by Hon. Keo Puth Reasmey, President of FUNCIPEC Party, and Hon. Sok An, Member of Standing Committee of Cambodian People's Party (CPP) to co-host the 6th General Assembly (GA) of the ICAPP in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in November or December 2010. The Members welcomed and unanimously endorsed the proposal.

On May 27, 2010, H.E. Hun Sen, Prime Minister and Chairman of Cambodian People's Party (CPP), formally acknowledged SC endorsement to the proposal to hold the 6th GA in Cambodia. The 6th GA will be convened during December 1-4, 2010 under the main theme of "Asia's Quest for a Better Tomorrow." The letter is attached as ***Appendix I.***

It is expected that there will be a report on the current status of preparations of the GA and provisional itinerary, by Hon. Sok An, Member of Standing Committee of the CPP and Deputy Prime Minister of Cambodia, who was appointed as Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 6th GA.

2. List of Political Parties to be Invited to the 6th GA

According to the latest survey conducted by the ICAPP Secretariat, there are 317 political parties in 52 countries and 1 territory in the region, as of the end of May 2010, which had met the criteria for eligibility to be invited to the ICAPP activities including the GA. The latest list is attached as ***Appendix II.***

3. Draft of Phnom Penh Declaration

Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Secretary General of the Pakistan Muslim League, has been recommended by the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 6th GA as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee for the Phnom Penh Declaration, which is to be adopted at the closing ceremony of the 6th GA. In this regard, Hon. Mushahid Hussain will make his initial suggestions on the elements to be included in the final declaration, for discussion among the SC members.

II. Issues relating to the Standing Committee

1. New Members and Replacement of Members of the SC

As had been notified earlier by the Secretariat, Hon. Ai Ping, formerly Director General of the International Department of the Communist Party of China (IDCPC), had been recently promoted to the position of Vice Minister of the IDCPC, and appointed as the Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee representing the Communist Party of China, replacing Hon. Liu Jieyi.

At the 12th SC Meeting, the SC had acknowledged the arrangements between the two main political parties in Japan and Korea, that as long as these countries retain membership in the

ICAPP SC, the representatives of the political parties holding the largest number of seats in their respective Parliaments at the time of their membership in the SC would represent the countries at the SC as its Members, while the representatives of the political parties holding the second largest number of seats in the Parliaments would attend the SC Meetings as observers to coordinate among themselves and ensure maximum contributions by the political parties in these countries to the ICAPP activities. In this regard, the SC Members are invited to consider encouraging similar arrangements to other SC Members with regard to representation of their respective countries in the ICAPP SC.

2. Time and Venue for Future Standing Committee Meetings

At the 12th SC Meeting, it was agreed to hold the 14th SC Meeting during the 6th GA to be held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in late 2010. The Members also welcomed the offers made by Malaysia and the Republic of Korea to host the 15th and 16th Meetings of the SC respectively in 2011. Russia and Bahrain have also expressed their willingness to host the SC Meetings in the future.

3. New Joint Initiative by ICAPP and COPPPAL to Reach Out to Africa

As requested by the Members at the 12th SC Meeting, the ICAPP Secretary General tried to establish contacts with major political parties in Africa, including the African National Congress (ANC) in South Africa, and coordinate efforts with them with a view to convening the first trilateral meeting among political parties in Asia, Latin America and Africa in near future.

In this regard, the Secretariat has received an official response from Hon. Gwede Mantashe, Secretary General of the ANC, on June 9, 2010, which stated that the proposal would be soon referred to the International Relations Committee of the ANC for consideration and formal recommendation.

4. Second Joint Session with the COPPPAL CB

At the 12th SC Meeting, the Members agreed to hold the 2nd Joint Session between the ICAPP SC and the Coordinating Body (CB) of the COPPPAL on the margins of the 6th GA to be held in Cambodia and requested the Secretary General to prepare an agenda for the session in collaboration with the COPPPAL Secretariat. The Members were also invited to participate in the annual Plenary Meeting of the COPPPAL to be held in Mexico and El Salvador during the latter part of 2010.

5. First Joint Session with the Executive Council of the APA

During the 12th SC Meeting, the Members acknowledged with appreciation the participation in the Meeting by Hon. Dr. Hadi Nejad Hosseinian, Secretary General of the APA, and considered ways to form partnership, synergy and cooperation for Asian integration between the ICAPP SC and the Executive Council (EC) of the APA. No official response from the APA has been sent to the Secretariat up to this date.

III. Other ICAPP Activities

1. ICAPP Conference on Poverty Alleviation

The ICAPP Conference on Poverty Alleviation is to be held in Kunming, the Capital City of

Yunnan Province of China, during July 14-18, 2010 under the auspice of the Communist Party of China. The tentative program of the conference is attached as ***Appendix III***.

In this regard, it was proposed to adopt the "Kunming Declaration on Poverty Alleviation" at the end of the conference and to submit it to both the 65th General Assembly of the United Nations and the 6th GA of the ICAPP. The draft declaration is attached for the review by the SC Members as ***Appendix IV***.

2. Establishment of ICAPP Medical Emergency Forum (IMEF)

Hon. Dato Seri Shahadin Bin Kassim, Member of Supreme Council of the United Malay National Organization, and Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Secretary General of Pakistan Muslin Leauge, jointly proposed to launch a new ICAPP humanitarian initiative, named the ICAPP Medical Emergency Forum (IMEF) during the 12th SC Meeting.

In this regard, the first meeting of the Steering Committee of the IMEF was held in Langkawi, Malaysia during June 4-5, 2010. The report of the meeting is attached for the review and endorsement by the SC Members as ***Appendix V.***

3. Application for UN NGO Consultative Status

Recently, the ICAPP Secretariat has contacted the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations of the United Nations and checked the possibility of obtaining an UN NGO Consultative Status in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations.

Among other requirements for obtaining consultative status are the following:

- Applying organization's activities must be relevant to the work of ECOSOC;
- The organization must have been in existence (officially registered) for at least 2 years in order to apply;
- The organization must have a democratic decision making mechanism; and
- The major portion of the organization's funds should be derived from contributions from national affiliates, individual members, or other non-governmental components.

In addition, according to the UN procedures, applications received between the 1st of June 2010 and 1st of June 2011 will be taken up in the year 2012. When an application becomes part of the agenda of the NGO Committee, two representatives of the organization is invited to be present during the session.

NGO's with consultative status will be accredited for participation in the relevant international conferences convened by the United Nations and the meetings of the preparatory bodies of the said conferences. They may also participate and submit statements to the various meetings convened by nine ECOSOC functional commissions, including Commission on Sustainable Development and Commission for Social Development.

4. Programs to Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the ICAPP

Since year 2010 marks the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the ICAPP, SC members are invited to consider if there should be other programs suitable for celebration of the occasion.

IV. Other Issues

The SC Members can raise any other relevant issues under this item.

Appendixes:

I. Letter from H.E. Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia
II. List of Political Parties Eligible to be Invited to the 6th GA
III. Tentative Program of the ICAPP Conference on Poverty Alleviation
IV. Draft of Kunming Declaration on Poverty Alleviation
V. Report of the 1st Steering Committee Meeting of the IMEF