Report on the Results of the First Steering Committee Meeting

of the ICAPP Medical Emergency Forum (IMEF)

Langkawi, Malaysia, June 4-5, 2010

In accordance with an understanding reached at the 12th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee held in Kathmandu, Nepal on February 29, 2010, the 1st Meeting of the Steering Committee of the ICAPP Medical Emergency Forum (IMEF) was held in Langkawi, Malaysia during June 4-5, 2010 under the auspice of the United Malay National Organization (UMNO). The meeting was chaired by Hon. Dato' Seri Shahidan Kassim, Member of the Executive Council of the UMNO and Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Malaysia, and attended by Hon. Jose De Venecia, Jr., Founding Chairman and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Hon. Chung Eui-Yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the ICAPP, and Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Secretary-General of the Pakistan Muslim League.

At the meeting, it was agreed to make the recommendation to the 13th Meeting of ICAPP Standing Committee to be held in Kunming, China in July 2010 to endorse the launching of the IMEF as follows:

To establish the Steering Committee of the IMEF composed of ICAPP SC Members from Malaysia and Pakistan and the two Co-Chairmen of the ICAPP Standing Committee, and nominate Hon. Dato' Seri Shahidan Kassim as Chairman and Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed as Co-Chairman; and

To establish the Secretariat of the IMEF with legal formality in Malaysia with the support of the UMNO and designate Datuk Raja Ropiaah Raja Abdullah, Member of the Executive Council of the UMNO and Chairperson of the Women's Wing of Barisan Nacional, as Secretary General, and Dr. Novandri Hassan Basri, as Secretary;

It was further agreed to recommend the following terms of reference for the IMEF:

To make and update the list of active and prominent humanitarian organizations in Asia with their names, focal points, addresses, email addresses, phone and fax numbers, etc.;

To set up user friendly website of the IMEF to introduce its activities, which will also include readily available links to other humanitarian organizations like Care, ICRC, and the United Nations Relief Body;

To organize a core group of disaster relief workers, including medical doctors, nurses, relief volunteers, etc, who will be readily available to immediately respond to the emergency calls whenever and wherever a disaster situation occurs in Asia, with the support, and through coordination, of other political parties which participate in ICAPP activities; and

To focus not only on immediate relief activities when an emergency occurs, but also to post-disaster relief works, including longer-term rehabilitation and reconstruction, with teams that may stay at the disaster sites for up to 90 days or so on the basis of rotation principle among available volunteers recommended by political parties in Asia, and on media-coordination by disseminating to, and sharing with, all the political parties in the region the IMEF activities and efforts so that maximum participation by the ICAPP members can be ensured.

Upon the endorsement on the launching of the IMEF at the 13th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee, the IMEF Secretariat will prepare and circulate an information sheet among other political parties requesting to indicate what type of support they can provide in time of emergency, including the list of readily available volunteers from their countries.