Major Understandings and Decisions reached at ICAPP Standing Committee Meetings

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, 2008**

- 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 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.

14. 28th SC Meeting in Seoul on July 7, 2017

- The Members agreed to invite the Islamic Labour Party of Iran as a new member of the SC with the agreement and recommendation of the Islamic *Motalefeh* Party of Iran.

- The Members endorsed the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Asian Cultural Council, which was prepared by Cambodia in consultation with China, Nepal, and Russia.

- 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.