Further information, such as annotated agenda for the SC Meeting and concept paper for the Special Conference on the Silk Road would be provided in due course.

Draft Annotated Agenda
for the 29th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee
(Tehran, February 2, 2018)

As of December 18, 2018

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

Formation of the SC

There has been no change of the composition of the SC since the conclusion of the 28th SC Meeting in Seoul, July 7, 2017.

The SC is composed of 38 representatives of political parties from 23 countries as was informed by the ICAPP Update (17-31) dated 20 July. Out of 23 countries, 15 countries, i.e. Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Thailand, are represented by two principal political parties in their respective countries.

Hon. Park Young-sun, SC Member from *The Minjoo* (Democracy) Party and Chairperson of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea met with Hon. Fukui Teru, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan and Director General of the International Department of the Liberal Democratic Party in Tokyo on 25th September 2017, and encouraged the Party to participate in the activities of the ICAPP. Hon. Fukui responded that they would try to participate in the future activities of the ICAPP. If they return to the ICAPP after four years' absence, we will have one more SC Member.

It was noted that there is the related record in the Conclusions of the 22nd Meeting of the Standing Committee in Vladivostok, Russian Federation, in May 30 to June 1, 2014 as follows:

The governing Liberal Party of Japan (LDP) has recently informed the Secretariat of its decision to withdraw its membership from the Standing Committee of the ICAPP due to mounting domestic political agenda. In this regard, Secretary General Chung Eui-yong reported that he visited Tokyo on April 22, 2014 to meet with leaders of major political parties in Japan to discuss more active participation of political parties in Japan in future activities of the ICAPP. He reported that Hon. Natsuo Yamaguchi, Chairman of the New Komeito Party, which is the leading coalition partner with the LDP, has agreed to discuss with LDP leaders the possibility of reconsidering their decision, and to consider the participation of the New Komeito Party in future SC activities as SC Member, representing the coalition partners of Japan in case the LDP confirms its earlier decision.

In this regards, more efforts need to be made to make the ICAPP more inclusive.

Future Meetings of the SC

In August 2017, Hon. Zheng Xiaosong, Vice Minister of the International Department of the Communist Party of China (IDCPC) expressed their willingness to continue to contribute to the development of the ICAPP with such activities as hosting the Standing Committee Meeting, for example, in spring this year.
However, since we are having the 29th Meeting of the Standing Committee, which was originally scheduled in the autumn of 2017, in February 2018, it is to be discussed when we will have the next SC Meeting. It was customary to have an SC meeting on the eve of the General Assembly one agenda item of which is "Preparation for the General Assembly". In this regards, it may be an option to ask the CPC to consider holding the 31st SC Meeting in spring of 2019.
It would be better if the host(s) of the 31st and/or 32nd SC Meeting would hold an ICAPP Special Conference, which could be held back-to-back with the 31st/32nd SC Meeting in 2019.

II. Preparations for the ICAPP Special Conference on the Silk Road

Hon. Prof. Hassan Ghafoori Fard, SC Member of the ICAPP and Founding President of Foundation for Islamic Development (and/or Hon. Dr. Mahdi Soli, Member of the Central Committee and Deputy of International Affairs of Islamic *Motalefeh* Party) is invited to make a report on the preparation of the ICAPP Special Conference on the Silk Road as a host of the Conference.

- It was customary to hold the SC Meeting after dinner on the eve of the Main Conference or on the second day of meetings. However, considering many members may be tired after a long journey, we tried this time to arrange the SC Meeting in the afternoon of the second day. (Please note that the themes to be discussed before the SC Meeting are slightly different from the Silk Road itself. And the Tentative Program of the Conference is attached as ***Appendix I***)

III. Review of the ICAPP Activities since 28th SC Meeting in July 2017

Since the meeting of affiliated bodies (Youth Wing and Women's Wing) were postponed to the year 2018, and it was agreed, at the 28th Meeting of SC in July 2017, to conduct strategic review of the approaches the ICAPP can take in order to obtain the observer status in the U.N. General Assembly, there were no such activities as holding meetings of affiliated bodies or ICAPP mission to the UN as we have seen in previous years.

In this regards, it is required for all the SC Members and the Bureau Members of affiliated bodies to make more contributions to the activities of the ICAPP and try to keep the schedule once offered and decided.

Report on the Results of the 3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum (Seoul, July 7, 2017)

The 3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum was held in Seoul, Korea on 7th of July 2017, co-hosted by the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea and the Secretariat of the ICAPP.

The Media Forum was attended by 25 ICAPP Standing Committee members from 18

countries and 20 journalists from 13 countries, who were recommended by the SC members of their countries.

Attached are the program and list of participants of the forum. Also attached are the List of Bureau Members of the Media Forum and the Seoul Statement on the Role of Media in Political Democratization and Building an Asian Community which was adopted at the forum. (See ***Appendixes II-1, II-2, II-3, and II-4***)

Report on the Results on the 1st Meeting of Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF) (Seoul, July 9, 2017)

The 1st Meeting of Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF) was held in Seoul, Korea on 9th of July 2017, on the sidelines of the 28th Meeting of Standing Committee and the 3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum.

The forum was attended by 28 Standing Committee members of the ICAPP from 19 countries and 11 representatives from two principal groups of political parties in the European Parliament, i.e., European People's Party (EPP) and the European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) Group.

The program, list of participants, the List of Bureau Members of AEPF, and Seoul Statement on Launching the Asia-Europe Political Forum are attached as ***Appendix III-1, III-2, III-3, and III-4.***

At the 1st AEPF, Hon. Geoffrey Van Orden, Member of the European Parliament and Vice-Chairman of the ECR Group, offered to host the 2nd Asia Europe Political Forum in London, United Kingdom in spring of 2018.

IV. Review of Other ICAPP Work Programs for 2018

2nd Meeting of Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF) (London, May 17-20, 2018)

At the 1st AEPF, Hon. Geoffrey Van Orden, Member of the European Parliament and Vice-Chairman of the ECR (European Conservatives and Reformists) Group, offered to host the 2nd Asia Europe Political Forum in London, United Kingdom in spring of 2018.

Through the consultation with the Bureau Members of the ICAPP SC and the ICAPP Members in the Bureau of the AEPF, the offer by the ECR Group of the dates was confirmed as May 17-20.

After the circulation of the dates (and the venue) of the 2nd AEPF included in the Works Programs in 2018 attached to the ICAPP Update (17-41) dated December 5, 2017, the Secretariat received concern of a certain SC Member about entry visa to the United Kingdom. The Secretariat duly conveyed the visa concern to the ECR Group and received the answer that **they** would provide whatever assistance they could (if some delegates would encounter visa problem.

So far, the preparation for the 2nd Meeting of the AEPF is as follows:

- have reserved accommodation for delegates in The Royal Horseguards Hotel.
- Tentative programme

0 on the evening of Thursday, the 17th May: a welcome reception and dinner for all participants in The Gladstone Library.
0 Friday, the 18th May: working sessions, a dinner in the evening in a suitable London venue.
0 Saturday, the 19th May: some visits to places of interest and possibly a concluding dinner
0 Sunday, the 20th May: departure of delegates

5th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing (Beirut, spring 2018)

The Bureau Members of the ICAPP Women's Wing and the representatives of the Future Movement and the Free Patriotic Movement of Lebanon, who attended the ICAPP Special Conference on Migration and Refugees which was held in Istanbul in November 2016, agreed to hold the 5th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing in Beirut, Lebanon in (July or) September 2017.

At the 28th Meeting of the SC in July 2017, Hon. Yossef Awad, Coordinator for Asia and Overseas of Free Patriotic Movement Party, Lebanese Republic, proposed to postpone the 5th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing from September 2017 to spring 2018 to give the parliamentary members time for adjusting to the new administration in Lebanon. He added that he had consulted with Hon. Fadi Fawaz, Advisor for Development Affairs to Hon. Saad Harir, Former Prime Minister and Chairman of Future Movement Party for this matter.

More information, including the dates and agenda, will be provided in due course.

4th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing (Mongolia, 2018)

At the 25th SC meeting in Beijing in October 2015, Mongolian People's Party (MPP) and Democratic Party of Mongolia expressed their intention to host the Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing and they confirmed the offer, at the 26th SC Meeting in April 2016, to host the Meeting of the Youth Wing back-to- back with SC Meeting scheduled in 2017.

After the MPP cancelled the 28th meeting of the Standing Committee originally scheduled in Ulaanbaatar in May 2017, Mr. Ganbat Dashdondog, Senior Advisor to the President of the Social Democracy Mongolian Youth Union on behalf of Hon. Munkhjin Batsumber, head of the Office for International Cooperation, Mongolian People's Party, stated at the 28th Meeting of the SC in July 2017 that they needed to postpone the 4th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing. Hon. Dato Seri Shahidan bin Kassim, SC Member from Malaysia and Chairperson of the Youth Wing stated that he would discuss with and help Mongolian side to hold the meeting.

We have yet to wait for the concrete dates and venue from Ulaanbaatar.

10th General Assembly of the ICAPP in 2018

At the 28th Meeting of the SC, some SC Members expressed their intention to host the 10th General Assembly of the ICAPP which will be held in the latter half of the year 2018.
However, the Secretariat have not yet confirmed with one of the candidates for hosting the

GA.

In the meantime, one SC Member suggested to consider hosting the 10th GA.

The Secretariat is trying to confirm with the SC Members if it can proceed with further consultation with a new candidate for hosting the GA.

4th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum

It is proposed to hold the 4th Meeting of the Media Forum on the sidelines of the 10th General Assembly, as was the case in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in September 2016.
Since the host has not been selected yet, it has not been decided if the Meeting of the Media Forum will be convened together with the GA or separately.
Suggestions for the date and venue for the next Media Forum will be welcomed.

1st Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC)

It was decided at the 28th Meeting of the SC in July 2017 to establish the Asian Cultural Council, with the Chairman, Hon. Hor Namhong, Vice-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Co-Chairman of the AEPF, and Deputy Prime Minister of Cambodia and Member of CPP Standing Committee.

The Cambodian People's Party originally offered to hold the 1st Meeting in Siem Reap, Cambodia in March. Later, considering that ACC's application of "Accord of Cooperation" with the UNESCO would be submitted to the UNESCO Executive Council in April, they wanted to reschedule the Meeting in late 2018.

The exact date of the 1st Meeting of the ACC will be provided in due course.

Work Programs of 2018 is attached as ***Appendix IV***

V. Cooperation with the COPPPAL and CAPP

Attending the Inaugural Session of the 3rd General Assembly of the CAPP (Council of African Political Parties) in Khartoum, Sudan, on August 19, 2017

As was reported in the mail dated August 4 addressed to the Bureau Members of the ICAPP SC, Hosts of the 1st Trilateral Meeting in April, 2016 and Members of the ICAPP delegation to the abortive 1st Meeting of the Coordination Committee in Khartoum, Sudan, in February 2017, Acting Secretary General of the ICAPP attended the Inaugural Session of the 3rd General Assembly of the CAPP (Council of African Political Parties) in Khartoum, Sudan, on August 19, 2017.

Mr Jeon made a congratulatory remark together with Hon. Davies Mwila, President of the CAPP (from Zimbabwe) and H.E. Lieutenant General Bakri Hassan Salih, First Vice President of the Republic of Sudan, conveyed the greetings and best wishes on the occasion of the 3rd General Assembly of the CAPP, and congratulated on the fast development achieved in the short history of the CAPP.

He further introduced the recent activities of the ICAPP including the three important meetings in Seoul in July 2017 and emphasized the importance of the ties between the ICAPP and CAPP on the road to the formation of the global forum of political parties.

Attending the Trilateral Meeting at the 35th Ordinary Plenary Meeting of the COPPPAL (Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 22-23 November 2017)

On the invitation by Hon. Manolo Pichardo, President of the Permanent Conference of Political Parties of Latin America and the Caribbean (Copppal), Mr. Jeon Jae-man, Acting Secretary General participated in the trilateral Meeting with ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP in Tegucigalpa, Honduras on 22nd November 2017 and attended the opening session of the 35th Ordinary Plenary Meeting of the COPPPAL on the next day. Several SC Members of the ICAPP who showed their interest in participating in the trilateral meeting at the initial stage could not make the trip.

Even though visas were denied to the CAPP delegation (and Venezuelans) by the Honduran government (for fear that their presence would adversely affect the presidential election in 4 days ahead, according to the explanation by the Copppal), the remark of Dr. Nafie Ali Nafie, Secretary General of the CAPP, with constructive suggestions was read on his behalf, and a declaration was adopted. The report is attached herewith. (See the ***Appendix V***)

VI. Other Activities of the ICAPP

Signing of the Inter-governmental MOU to Support ICAPP Activities

The inter-governmental MOU to provide support for the activities of the ICAPP, which was first signed on July 26, 2013, has so far been signed by the governments of 11 countries in the region, i.e. Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Iran, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Nepal, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

In this regard, more governments of the countries in the region, in particular those countries which are represented in the SC, are requested to sign the MOU in the near future.

Review of the List of the Political Parties eligible to be invited to the 10th GA

The Secretariat has updated the list of political parties in Asia, as of the end of December 2017, which are eligible to participate in ICAPP activities in accordance with the following criteria as stipulated in the ICAPP Charter and the Understandings reached at previous SC Meetings.

- ***Para 1 of Article 2 of the ICAPP Charter:***

"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."

- ***Understanding reached at the 5th SC Meeting in Seoul in June 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

diversity existing in the region."

- ***Understanding reached at the 8th SC Meeting in Tehran in November 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; and/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."

According to the newly updated list, there are 362 political parties in 52 countries and 1 territory, which are eligible to participate in the ICAPP activities. (See ***Appendix VI***)

Comments from the SC Members after their review are welcomed for confirmation.

Recommendations to amend the Charter of the ICAPP

The last amendment of the Charter was made at the 8Th General Assembly in September, 2014.

In order to incorporate some elements from the "Major Understandings and Decisions reached at ICAPP Standing Committee Meetings" into the Charter of the ICAPP, the amendment of the Charter is proposed.

Paragraphs of the Charter relevant to the amendment are as follows:

- ***Para 1, 2, and 3 of Article 14 of the ICAPP Charter***

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 II. Membership)

It is proposed to add the elements in the "understandings" under the Paragraph 1 of Article 2 in order to reflect the understanding reached at the 8th SC meeting in 2008 as follows:

- ***Understanding reached at the 8th SC Meeting in Tehran in November 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; and/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."

It is proposed to add under the Paragraph 2 of Article 2 the main element of the understanding at the 5th SC meeting in 2008 as follows:

- ***Understanding reached at the 5th SC Meeting in Seoul in June 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 diversity existing in the region."

The amended version will read as follows (added parts in Italics):

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.

   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; and/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.

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.

   Political parties in the Palestinian National Authority shall be invited to the activities of the ICAPP

(Enlargement of the Bureau of the SC)

It was decided to increase the number of Bureau of the SC to five, with three Vice Chairmen at the 28th SC Meeting in July 2017.

The relevant part of the current Charter is as follows:

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.

In order to incorporate the decision mentioned above and to make the Charter more applicable in the real situation, the amendment is proposed as follows (amended parts in Italics):

Article 11

1. *Two (2)* Chairperson*s* and *three (3)* Vice Chairperson*s* of the Standing Committee shall be elected by consensus of the members of the Standing Committee during the General Assembly. The Chairperson*s* 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*s* will assume the position *in the order of old age* until the following Standing Committee meeting is held.

4. *In the event that a Member of Bureau of the Standing Committee is no longer able to serve his or her term before its completion, the position will be vacant until the following Standing Committee meeting is held.*

The recommendations of the SC for the necessary amendments of the ICAPP Charter should be submitted to the 10th GA to be held in the latter half of 2018 for its approval.

VII. Other Issues

Other Issues

SC Members may raise any issues they wish under this item.

Appendixes:

- ***I. Tentative Program of the 29th Meeting of the Standing Committee and the Special Conference on the Silk Road***
- ***II. The 3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum***
  1. ***Program***
  2. ***List of Participants***
  3. ***List of the Bureau Members of the Media Forum***
  4. ***Seoul Statement on the Role of Media in Political democratization and Building an Asian Community***
- ***III. The 1st Asia- Europe Political Forum***
  1. ***Program***

2. ***List of Participants***
3. ***List of the Bureau Members of AEPF***
4. ***Seoul Statement on Launching the Asia-Europe Political Forum***

IV. Work Programs of the ICAPP for 2018

V. Attending the Trilateral Meeting at the 35th Ordinary Plenary Meeting of the COPPPAL

VI. List of Political Parties eligible to participate in the ICAPP Activities