AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

AND

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ASIAN POLITICAL PARTIES

The present Agreement (hereafter referred to as the 'Agreement") is entered into between the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (the "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 the 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 the 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 the 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 the 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. The 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 the ICAPP proposed to establish by the members of the ICAPP Standing Committee, particularly including Cambodia, China, Nepal and Russia may develop and implement partnership programs 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 the ICAPP	:	The Secretariat of the ICAPP and ACC
(2) For UNESCO	:	The Representing Office designated by the Director-General

Article 3
Conditions and Dispute Resolution

1. Nothing in or relating to the present Memorandum of Understanding will be deemed a waiver of any of the privileges and immunities of the ICAPP and UNESCO.

2. All disputes arising out of or in connection with the present Agreement shall be settled through consultations.

3. Unless authorized in writing by UNESCO, the 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.

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

Article 4
Coming into effect, Duration, Review and Termination

1. This Agreement does not create rights and obligations governed by international law, and is concluded without prejudice to existing accords of the ICAPP Member States and UNESCO.

2. This Agreement will come into effect upon its signature by both Parties, and remain effective for a period of five years from the date of signature.

3. 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.

4. 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 <Place> on the <day> of <month> of the year 2018, in two 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**
Audrey Azoulay DIRECTOR-GENERAL	