**Annotated Agenda for**
**the 31st Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee**
**(Moscow, Russian Federation, October 24)**

As of October 15, 2018

## I. Preparations for 10th General Assembly of the ICAPP

Russian offered the hosting of the 10th General Assembly to the ICAPP in December 2017. On March 23, 2018, the Secretariat received letter of confirmation from the United Russia Party to hold the 10th General Assembly in Moscow, Russia during October 24-27, 2018, as was informed by the ICAPP Update (18-09), dated April 3.

Four meetings, i.e. the 4th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum, 4th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing, 5th Meeting of the Women's Wing, and Meeting of the Coordination Committee among the ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP and the 31st SC Meeting will be held on the sidelines of the 10th GA on 25th and 26th of October. Following a process of close consultations between the bureau members of the ICAPP, two topics were selected for inclusion on the agenda for the 10th GA and 3 subsidiary meetings:

1. The role of political parties in reducing international tensions and combating extremism; and
2. The importance of international inter-party cooperation in the formation and development of political, economic, social ties between states.

Following the mails sent to the Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee sent on September 11th and 14th, two topics were separately decided for the Meeting of Coordination Committee among the ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP by the proposals made by Hon. Manolo Pichardo, President of the COPPPAL, and Hon. Nafie Ali Nafie, Secretary General of the CAPP, as follows:

1. Processes of Integration, Interdependence and Cooperation; and
2. Establishment of a mechanism through the three organizations monitor the cooperation.

***Report by the Organizing Committee of the 10th General Assembly***

Hon. Andrey Klimov, Deputy Chairman of the Committee on International Affairs of the United Russia Party, will make a report on the state of preparations for the 10th GA in his capacity of Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 10th GA, which will be held in Moscow during October 24-27, 2018.

As of October 15, representatives of 69 political parties from 36 countries have confirmed their participation in the 10th GA. The program, list of participants, and conference procedures of the 10th GA are attached as ***Appendixes I-1, I-2 and I-3.***

***Election of the Bureau of the 10th GA***

According to Article 7 of the ICAPP Charter, the Standing Committee (SC) will prepare the list of candidates for one Chairperson and five Chairpersons for the 10th GA and recommend it to the Plenary Session for its approval. The draft list of candidates for the Bureau of the 10th GA, prepared by the Secretariat through prior consultation with the Organizing Committee, is attached as ***Appendix I-4.***

***Moscow Statements***

The Moscow Statement for each respective meeting, including the 10th GA, Media Forum, Women's Wing, Youth Wing and Coordination Committee among the ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP, will be adopted at the Closing Session. The draft Moscow Statement for the 10th GA, which was prepared by the host and the Secretariat, would be circulated to SC Members in advance. (See ***Appendix I-5***) The SC Members are cordially requested to review the draft and make their comments before the first official draft is circulated among all participants in the 10th GA after the first plenary session on October 25.

In accordance with the previous practice of the ICAPP, "Moscow Declaration", it would be reasonable to nominate the Special Rapporteur of the Standing Committee as Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Moscow Statement for its adoption.

## II. Report on the ICAPP Activities to the 10th GA

The report on the ICAPP activities since the end of the 9th GA, held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in September 2016, will be submitted to the 10th GA by the Secretariat. The report will be distributed to the participants (ICAPP/10GA/003) of the 10th GA.

The Report includes the following activities of the ICAPP during 2016-2018:

***The 9th General Assembly of the ICAPP***

1. Program
2. List of Participating Political Parties
3. Kuala Lumpur Declaration (adopted at the Closing Session)

***Meetings of the ICAPP Standing Committee***

1. 26th Meeting of the SC (Jakarta, April 22-24, 2016)
2. 27th Meeting of the SC (Kuala Lumpur, September 1-2, 2016)
3. 28th Meeting of the SC (Seoul, July 7, 2017)

4. 29th Meeting of the SC (Tehran, February 2, 2018)
5. 30th Meeting of the SC (London, May 17, 2018)

***ICAPP Special Conferences***

1. Special Conference on Migration and Refugees (Istanbul, November 4-6, 2016)
2. Special Conference on the Silk Road (Tehran, February 1-4, 2018)

***Activities of other ICAPP Affiliated Groups***

1. ICAPP Women's Wing
   - 4th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing (Kuala Lumpur, September 2, 2016)
2. ICAPP Media Forum
   - 2nd Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum (Kuala Lumpur, September 2, 2016)
   - 3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum (Seoul, July 7, 2017)
3. ICAPP Program for Disasters Assistance (IPDA)
   - 4th Meeting of the Steering Committee of the IPDA (Kuala Lumpur, September 2, 2016)
4. Asia Europe Political Forum (AEPF)
   - 1st Meeting of the Asia Europe Political Forum (Seoul, July 7-10, 2017)
   - 2nd Meeting of the Asia Europe Political Forum (London, May 17-20, 2018)

***Special Missions of the ICAPP***

1. ICAPP Mission to Iran (Tehran, July 11-13, 2016)
2. ICAPP Mission to Monitor General Elections in Cambodia (Phnom Penh, June 2-5, 2017)

***Cooperation with Other Organizations***

1. 2nd Trilateral Meeting between ICAPP, COPPPAL and CAPP (Tegucigalpa, November 23, 2017)

***Other Activities***

1. ICAPP's Bid for Observer Status in the U.N. General Assembly
2. Inter-Governmental Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation to Provide Support for ICAPP Activities

## III. Issues relating to the ICAPP Standing Committee (SC)

***New Members of the SC***

Four political parties of the SC Members have sent the Secretariat their newly appointed persons.

1) The Communist Party of China (CPC) appointed Hon. Guo Yezhou, Vice

Minister of the International Department of CPC Central Committee, who will serve the remaining term of a Vice Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee.

2) The Justice and Development Party (AK Part) of Turkey appointed Hon. Cevdet Yilmaz, Chairman of Foreign Affairs, as the Standing Committee Member of the ICAPP on 5th of October.
3) *Nur Otan* Party of Kazakhstan appointed Hon. Maulen Ashimbayev, First Deputy Chairman of *Nur Otan* Party as the Standing Committee Member of the ICAPP on 4th of October.
4) The Democratic Party For the People (DPFP) nominated Hon. Motohiro Oono, Director General of the International Affairs of the Democratic Party for the People, as a new member of the ICAPP SC, replacing Hon. Hiroe Makiyama, after merger of the two Japanese political parties (DP and Party of Hope) on 7th of May in 2018.

The updated list of SC Members is attached as ***Appendix II***.

## IV. Future Meetings of the SC

1. The meetings in 2019 with their hosts and schedules are confirmed as follows:

- 1st Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council: February 11-12, Phnom Penh, Cambodia (***Appendix III-1***)
- 3rd Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF): April 5-7, Colombo, Sri Lanka (***Appendix III-2***)
- The AK Party of Turkey, indicating that they would like to host the 32nd SC Meeting together with the 6th Women's Wing and other meetings in 2019.

2. In this regard, it is desirable to hold the 32nd Meeting of the Standing Committee on the occasion of the 3rd Meeting of the AEPF in Colombo because at the meeting of the AEPF, the members of the Standing Committee are strongly recommended to participate as the member of the AEPF.

   It would be welcomed if SC Members who have not yet hosted a special conference or workshop in their countries offer hosting of them in the latter part of 2019.

3. The Coordination Committee Meeting among the ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP may be held in the latter part of the next year in the Dominican Republic in 2019 where its Government is going to hold the Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC). It is strongly recommended that members of the Standing Committee participate in the in the Trilateral Meeting.

## V. Preparations for upcoming ICAPP Work Programs

***Special Workshop on Green Cities***

The Special Workshop on Green Cities will be held in Seoul, Korea, on October 30 to November 2, 2018, which is co-hosted by the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), Secretariat of the ICAPP and the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea.

The Special Workshop will be divided into three sessions, having each respective theme to discuss upon with experts:

1) Green Cities;
2) Air Quality; and
3) Water Management and Sanitation.

Following the invitation extended to SC Members on 2nd of August, 17 political parties from 15 countries have confirmed their participation to the Special Workshop. The tentative program and list of participants of the Workshop are attached as ***Appendix IV-1*** and ***IV-2.***

As was informed by the ICAPP Update (18-15) dated on October 5, the GGGI proposed to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the ICAPP and the GGGI, appreciating the first collaborative meeting between the two organizations and to strengthen further cooperation. (See ***Appendix IV-3***)

## VI. Establishment of Cooperation Agreement between the UNESCO and the ICAPP

As was informed by the ICAPP Update 18-13 dated on June 25, Hon. Park Ro-byug visited headquarter of the UNESCO located in Paris, France, and Phnom Penh, Cambodia during on June 21-25, in order to make an agreed proposal and to pursue the establishment of the Cooperation Agreement between the UNESCO and the ICAPP.

On 19th of September, the UNESCO Secretariat informed the ICAPP Secretary General that its Secretariat has completed internal procedure on the establishment of the Cooperation Agreement with the ICAPP and would be considered at the session of the Executive Board Meeting in October (See ***Appendix V-1***).

**From 3rd to 11th October**, at the session of the Executive Board, its members, under the Chairperson of the ROK Ambassador have reviewed, discussed and decided with their overwhelming interests and encouragement on the establishment of the Cooperation Agreement. On the 16th of October the General Conference of the

UNESCO, adopted the Executive Board report on the establishment of the Cooperation Agreement.

This decision is made based on their understanding and recognition of the values and importance of **goal** shared by the ICAPP and the UNESCO. The UNESCO expects that the ICAPP may be able to contribute to expanding the scope of cooperation for Strategic Transformation of UNESCO through realizing the goals of UNESCO, strengthening regional cooperation and expanding interactions with National Commissions for UNESCO in member countries.

This also reflects that the UNESCO has been pursuing to diversify its strategic **partnership** to achieve more tangible outcomes and substantive progress with **exemplary cooperative cases** like that between the ICAPP and UNESCO.

Major elements of the Cooperation Agreement are as follows.

1. The ICAPP and UNESCO are fully committed to actively developing and promoting cooperative activities in the fields of conducting of **education and capacity building,** development of sharing of scientific knowledge **and development of cultural diversity**. For your reference, the text of the Agreement and the letter from the UNESCO Secretariat is provided in the attachment**.**

2. The ICAPP will be allowed to use the official **logo or emblem** of UNESCO in holding relevant events and activities, following advance authorization of UNESCO.

3. UNESCO recognizes the ICAPP as a strategic partner with a status of an **international organization** of independent states represented by political parties and legally registered Secretariat.

Now, the ICAPP has to take actions to make progress and carry out demanding tasks ahead, following the agreement with UNESCO in order to achieve values and outcomes added by the agreement in our future activities and programs, as follows.

1. In terms of the quality and quantity of **our activities** in coordination with UNESCO, our members need to continue our commitment to UNESCO through taking initiative to plan and implement at least **one meaningful program in fields of education (capacity building), science and culture every year;**

2. In terms of **geographical cooperation**, there is a practical need to enlarge and substantiate the scope of our inter-continental cooperation, not boiling it down to focus only on Asian issues, but reframing it into a comprehensive framework of cooperation with other regional organizations such as the CAPP and the

COPPPAL, by thinking about the launching of an International Union of Political Parties (IUPP);

3. In terms of our **legal status**, as the UNESCO recognizes the ICAPP status as an **international organization**, different from ordinary NGOs, we need to advance and improve the legal documents of the Charter and rules of affiliated structures in pursuing cooperation with the UNESCO and the UN, in a way commensurate with the officially confirmed status of the ICAPP as an international organization.

Following the UNESCO's recommendation, the ICAPP Secretariat has joined as a member of the UN Global Compact (See ***Appendix V-2***). The ICAPP is seeking to engage in closer consultations with the Global Compact Network Korea to develop valuable programs which are in line with the principles of the UNSDG and Global Compact by establishing membership relationship with the UN Global Compact. It is believed that membership with the UN Global Compact and Cooperation Agreement with the UNESCO would add great value in terms of capacity-building, technology application and cultural diversity to further coordinate with the UNESCO.

It would be necessary to talk with the UNESCO Secretariat about whether or when a Joint Conference on the ICAPP-UNESCO cooperation may be able to hold in Paris next year, concerning the areas including education and science, if Standing Committee members are ready to accept it. The priorities of the UNESCO are attached as ***Appendix V-3***.

## VII. Amendment and improvements on the ICAPP's legal instruments

Secretary General Park Ro-byug visited New York on 7-13 August in order to meet with the officials in charge of the Six Committee of the UN General Assembly as well as one of the US law firm, specializing at the UN operation. During discussions with them, they recommended the following measures:

1. Improving the Charter and adopting other legal documents, particularly defining the legal nature of the ICAPP as a legal entity and international organization in the new Charter, as well as establishing of broad frameworks of cooperation among the ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP;
2. ICAPP side's meeting with high-level officials of key countries in Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America and visit to them;
3. Diversifying formats of cooperation with the UN including the establishment of consultation partnership with the ECOSOC

The Secretariat, under a law firm's recommendation, has distributed drafts on our legal instruments. The drafts contain improved elements of the Charter and new sets of the Rules and Working Modalities on the ICAPP structures (See ***Appendix VI***).

It is strongly recommended that the following major aspects on the improvement of the Charter be adopted in the 10th Meeting of the General Assembly.

① The legal features of the ICAPP as an International organization with legal personality, autonomous decision-making capacity, support and participation of the government officials. (Articles 2, 3, 6)

② Political party representation (Article 3)
- More than 1% of the seat of the national parliaments at the up-to-dated election

③ Regional/Sub-regional cooperation (Article 8)
- Basis on Cooperation with COPPPAL/CAPP among Sub-regional Grouping

④ Voluntary financial contribution and budgetary basis (Articles 19, 20, 21)
- Executive Committee up to 15 members who make annually voluntary financial contribution for the program and activities (administrative cost) of the ICAPP

⑤ Referencing privileges and immunities of the ICAPP and its Secretariat (Article 23)

⑥ New titles to be introduced (Article 25)
- Honorary Special Guest Status may be granted to the members of the ICAPP Standing Committee Bureau, who served the position more than six years and invited to all the ICAPP events.
- Advisors to the Secretary General may be dispatched at the expense of the dispatching country.

⑦ Rules and Working Modalities for the ICAPP Structures (General Assembly, Standing Committee, Executive Committee and the Secretariat), affiliated bodies and Inter-Continental bodies. (Article 26)
- The drafts of the Rules and Working Modalities contain the procedural elements.

## VIII. Proposal on upgrading the framework of cooperation among the ICAPP, COPPPAL and CAPP: launching the "International Union of Political Parties", as an umbrella mechanism and the "Executive Commission", as a monitoring mechanism

**The ICAPP, COPPAL and CAPP** have been developing **close interaction** through holding joint sessions of conferences since 2009, when the first Joint Session between the COPPPAL Coordinating Body and the ICAPP Standing Committee was held in Argentina. In 2010, the COPPPAL-ICAPP Economic Council was established and it was renamed as the Asian-Latin American Business Council in 2012.

- The First meeting of the ICAPP, COPPPAL and CAPP was launched in Jakarta in 2016 and the Second Meeting was held in 2017 in Honduras to address issues of common interest and agreement was reached to establish a coordination committee to bring together the three Organizations that will have two members of each organization with two members from each organization. The COPPPAL and CAPP Secretariats are eager to upgrade the mechanisms of our meetings.

- Taking this opportunity of the successful launch of the Cooperation Agreement with UNESCO, it is time for the ICAPP to take the approach of seeking to establish a comprehensive framework to develop partnership with COPPPAL and CAPP and be open to the possibility of political parties in other regions, such as North America, joining.

**The major aspects of the new approach are as follows:**

- Upgrading and renaming the trilateral meetings among the ICAPP, CAPP and COPPPAL, by evolving it into the newly launched **International Union of Political Parties (IUPP).**

- Taking into account the new positive development of cooperation with UNESCO, it would be a timely step for the ICAPP to take the initiative to establish a newly named umbrella structure of a trilateral meeting by launching the “International Union of Political Parties (IUPP)”.
- This would effectively sent to the world a very fresh and effective message that it is transcending the Asia-focused attitude and embracing a universally constructive approach by cooperating with political parties in other continents, particularly Africa and Latin America.

- Establishing the **Executive Commission** as a monitoring mechanism

- According to the Statement adopted in Honduras in 2017, it is recommended to create a monitoring mechanism composed of two members in consultation with the Secretariats. And we suggest the mechanism be called the Executive

Commission and that it review and propose programs on trilateral cooperation in close coordination with the Secretary Generals of three organizations.

- It is recommended to adopt a Statement at the Third Meeting among the ICAPP, COPPPAL and CAPP in Moscow and a basic document setting out the statues for the establishment of the IUPP and its Executive Commission.

- The format for the IUPP meetings will be flexible: the General Conference every two years and the Coordinating Meeting composed of the Standing Committee Members of three organizations or the Executive Commission meeting every year.
- The President of the IUPP will be elected at the Coordinating Committee for a two year term on a rotational basis and the President has the responsibility to hold the meetings of the IUPP and one annual meeting in his or her country for two years.
- Members of the Executive Commission and selection of the two Members by the Standing Committee of the ICAPP.
- The Secretariat of the ICAPP will consult closely with Secretariats of the COPPPAL and CAPP and play a leading role as the IUPP Secretariat. The ICAPP Secretariat is going to develop best practices and desirable action programmes. The ICAPP Secretariat will also prepare a draft of detailed Rules and Working Modalities with coordination with the Secretariats of the CAPP and COPPPAL and will submit to the 32nd Meeting of the Standing Committee for its adoption, based on the above-mentioned understanding.

## IX. ICAPP's Cooperation with the U.N.

In accordance with the agreement we reached in the 28th Standing Committee Meeting in 2017, underlining the importance of reviewing of the approaches of the ICAPP to cooperation with the UN, it is highly recommendable that the ICAPP members take step by step as follows:

1. To develop and accumulate exemplary action programs by the ICAPP members in practical cooperation with the UNESCO;
2. Improve the legal instruments, by amending the Charter and elaborating Rules and Working Modalities;
3. Expand cooperative partners of the ICAPP into other regional organizations and launch a broad framework of cooperation among the ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP.

Following the above-mentioned practical actions, it is recommended that the ICAPP would review more diversified formats of cooperation with the UN, such as
1) consultation partnership with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and
2) the observer status in the Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly.

## X. Signing of the Inter-governmental MOU to Support ICAPP Activities

The inter-governmental MOU on providing 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, the Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

In this regard, more SC Members are kindly requested to talk with their respective governments to join the signing of the MOU in the near future.

***Appendixes:***

- ***I. 10th General Assembly of the ICAPP***
  1. ***Tentative Program***
  2. ***List of participants***
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