Remarks at the Plenary Session of BRICS Inter-Party Forum by

Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee

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Excellencies and Distinguished Guests,

First of all, on behalf of the ICAPP, International Conference of Asian Political Parties, I'd like to extend my warmest greetings and congratulations to all of you on the successful convening of the International Inter-Party "BRICS and partner countries" Forum.

It's a great honor and privilege for me and my colleagues from the ICAPP to participate in the Forum.

I'd also like to extend our warmest gratitude to the United Russia Party and its leadership for their invitation and hospitality on behalf of myself and my colleagues.

- Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, and Senate Defense Committee of Pakistan, representing Pakistan Muslim League-*Nawaz*,
- Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveseen, Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Business Council, and Trade Representative and Advisor to Prime Minister of Thailand, representing *Pheu Thai* Party of Thailand, and
- Hon. Sous Yara, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, and Chairman of the Commission on Foreign Affairs of the National Assembly of Cambodia, representing the Cambodian People's Party,

Distinguished Participants,

Since 2010, BRICS has been greatly contributing to global peace and stability by promoting a multipolar world order and economic collaboration, despite its internal differences in political systems and economic models. It has been a leading force advocating for the reform of international institutions to better represent developing nations.

BRICS nations have been actively engaging in diplomatic efforts to resolve conflicts, emphasizing dialogue and negotiation. The BRICS New Development Bank has been funding infrastructure and sustainable development projects, addressing economic disparities among countries.

BRICS members have also been closely cooperating in counter-terrorism initiatives, and the fight against organized crime, enhancing global security. Their collective stance on non-interference in domestic affairs upholds sovereignty and fosters stable international relations.

We expect BRICS to continue to play major roles in further promoting global peace and prosperity.

Most urgently, we hope that BRICS can use its diverse membership to mediate regional conflicts around the world through fostering dialogue among concerned parties, leveraging its collective diplomatic clout to peaceful solutions to all global disputes.

We hope that BRICS will continue advocating to strengthen multilateral institutions, emphasizing the importance of a multipolar world and frameworks, as well reflected in today's topic of "World Majority for a Multipolar World."

We hope that global decision-making is more inclusive and balanced for all nations, rich and poor, ameliorating democracy deficit in global governance.

We hope that BRICS will champion global initiatives addressing climate change, renewable energy, and environmental protection, contributing to long-term global stability and prosperity.

We also hope that BRICS will facilitate global collaboration in science, technology, and innovation, and drive sustainable economic growth and development, benefitting both its members and non-member countries as well.

Distinguished Participants,

The ICAPP was launched in year 2000, and now represents over 350 political parties in over 50 countries in Asia. We believe permanent peace and shared prosperity are the two visions that our political parties should attain for the peoples we represent.

We can achieve these goals by jointly responding to changing political and economic circumstances in this globalized world, through expanded dialogue and exchanges among leading political parties.

Over the years, the ICAPP has become a positive force for such endeavors by simply bringing together leaders of all the political parties with diverse ideologies in fraternal assemblies regularly.

Along the way, political parties in Russia, particularly the United Russia Party (URP), have made great contributions. My special thanks go to Hon. Dr. Sergey A. Klimov, Bureau Member of the Supreme Council of the URP, for his dedicated

service and contributions to the work of the ICAPP as Vice Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee. The ICAPP continues to count on the close cooperation with the URP to build an Asian community based on our common visions of peace and prosperity.

Six years ago, leaders of 73 political parties from 39 countries in the region gathered in Moscow for the 10th General Assembly of the ICAPP, which was hosted by the URP.

The "Moscow Declaration" was adopted at the end of the conference, in which we had renewed our commitment to upholding the ICAPP principles of mutual respect for "sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence and equality of all states, peaceful settlement of international conflicts, non-interference in internal affairs, and consensus orientation" in the international affairs.

Distinguished Participants,

As one of the largest political entities that embraces political parties across the full ideological spectrum, the ICAPP will continue to "lead the way toward the goal of establishing and implementing constructive and cooperative strategies for future-oriented relations among nations in our region and beyond," as envisaged by the Moscow Declaration of 2018.

Thank you.