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Statement by Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founder of the ICAPP and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, and Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP, on 2 February 2021

We are greatly concerned by reports that the military authorities of Myanmar have detained multiple civilian government leaders, including State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and civil society leaders. These developments represent an unfortunate retreat of democracy in Myanmar.

We urge the military authorities of Myanmar to release all government officials and civil society leaders and restore democracy and stability as soon as possible. Also, we hope that the tensions among all parties will be resolved through peaceful dialogue.

Myanmar has been an active member of the ICAPP. We sincerely hope the Standing Committee Members of the ICAPP from Myanmar, Hon. U Mahn Jonny representing National League for Democracy, and Hon. U Wunna Maung Lwin representing Union Solidarity and Development Party, will be able to continue their participation in the ICAPP activities.

We reaffirm our strong support to the people of Myanmar in their pursuit of democracy, peace, and the rule of law.