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Memorandum of Understanding
between the Justice and Development Party *(AK Parti)* and the ICAPP Secretariat
Regarding the 11th General Assembly of the ICAPP
to be held in Türkiye 17-20 November 2022

The Justice and Development Party (hereinafter referred to as the "*AK Parti*") and the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (hereinafter referred to as the "ICAPP") have agreed to convene the 11th General Assembly (hereinafter referred to as the "GA") in Istanbul between 17-20 November 2022 under the auspice of the *AK Parti* and have reached the following understandings:

I. Organization of the 11th GA

1. H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Chairman of AK Parti, President of Republic of Turkey will be nominated and elected as Chairman of the 11th GA and preside over the Opening Session.

2. Hon. Efkan Ala, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Deputy Chairman of AK Parti in charge of Foreign Affairs, Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 11th GA will be nominated and elected as the First Deputy Chairman of the 11th GA. He will preside over the remaining sessions of the 11th GA.

3. Heads of Delegations from 4 countries participating in the 11th GA will also be nominated and elected as Deputy Chairmen of the 11th GA.

4. Hon. Afif Demirkıran, Deputy Chairman of Foreign Affairs of AK Parti, Former member of Parliament has been appointed as Secretary General of the Organizing Committee of the 11th GA, and will oversee the overall preparations and operation of the GA in cooperation with the ICAPP Secretariat.

5. The 38th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee, the 5th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum, the 2nd Meeting of the ICAPP Tourism Promotion and Inter-City Cooperation (TOPIC) Council, the 4th Trilateral Meeting of the ICAPP-*COPPPAL*-CAPP, and 1st Bureau Meeting of the ICAPP Business Council will also be held in İstanbul on the sidelines of the 11th GA.

6. Program and conference procedures of the 11th GA will follow the traditions of the previous GAs, which are attached as *Appendixes 1 and 2* of this MOU, and will be finalized by the *AK Parti* in consultation with the ICAPP Secretariat.

7. Official invitation letters will be co-signed by the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 11th GA and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee (Hon. Jose de Venecia), the Secretary General of the ICAPP, and will be sent in due course to all political parties in Asia which are eligible to participate in the ICAPP activities in accordance with the ICAPP Charter and the relevant understandings made by the ICAPP Standing Committee. The list of political parties in Asia which are eligible to participate in the ICAPP activities and observers is attached as *Appendix 3* of this MOU.

8. The list of observers to be invited to the GA will be prepared by the ICAPP Secretariat and will be submitted to *AK Parti* for their consent before official invitations are sent.

II. Administrative Arrangements and Logistic Support by *AK PARTI*

1. *AK Parti* will provide hotel accommodation for up to two (2) representatives of each participating political party and observer delegation and for up to three (3) nights.

2. *AK Parti* will provide local transportation for all participants between the airport and the hotel(s), and between the hotel(s) and the venue(s) of the events.

3. *AK Parti* will provide all necessary facilities, including simultaneous interpretation facilities (English – Turkish, Turkish – English), for the meetings and other events of the 11th GA.

4. *AK Parti* will provide necessary assistance and facilities to print conference documents and to circulate them to the participants of the 11th GA.

5. *AK Parti* will provide necessary arrangements to ensure safety and security of all participants in the 11th GA during their stay in Türkiye.

6. *AK Parti* will provide assistance to facilitate issuance of entry visas for participants in the 11th GA.

III. Secretarial Assistance by the ICAPP Secretariat

1. The ICAPP Secretariat will prepare documents for the 11th GA and the 38th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee, the 5th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum, the 2nd Meeting of the ICAPP Tourism, Promotion and Inter-City Cooperation (TOPIC) Council, the 4th Trilateral Meeting of the ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP and the 1st Bureau Meeting of the ICAPP Business Council, which will include the program, list of participants, list of speakers at plenary sessions, list of the Bureau of the 11th GA, draft Istanbul Declaration, and other necessary documents.

2. The ICAPP Secretariat will closely coordinate with *AK Parti* in the course of preparing for the 11th GA in such works as sending out the invitation letters, updating the list of participants, drafting necessary documents, and other necessary works listed in the previous paragraph.

Signed

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Deputy Chairman of AK Party
Chairman of Foreign Affairs

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Secretary-General of the ICAPP Secretariat

Appendixes:

1. *Proposed Program of the 11th GA*
2. *Draft Conference Procedures of the 11th GA*
3. *List of Political Parties and Observers Eligible to Participate in the ICAPP Activities*