The International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP)

H.E. Ban Ki Moon
Secretary General
United Nations
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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

It is a great privilege and pleasure for us to inform you that the International Conference of Asian Political Parties(ICAPP), which is currently representing over 260 political parties in 51 countries and 1 territory in Asia, successfully held the 12th Meeting of its Standing Committee in Kathmandu, Nepal during February 26-28, 2010. Attached are the summary report on the outcomes of the Meeting with its program and the list of participants. The list of political parties that the ICAPP currently represents is also attached for your ready reference.

The Meeting also unanimously adopted a special statement on Nepal in which they expressed strong support and solidarity to efforts of the people and the government of Nepal to successfully conclude the peace process and the constitution-making process in the country. As can be seen in the attached statement, the Meeting also agreed to recommend to Your Excellency to pay an official visit to Nepal at the earliest convenience to encourage the peace process in Nepal and, in particular, help establish a democratic and stable government in Nepal.

We also agreed to hold a Special Workshop on the theme of "Poverty Reduction and Alleviation under Globalization" in early July 2010 under the auspice of the Communist Party of China. The political leaders and representatives of relevant organizations in Asia will be invited to the workshop. The program will include field trips in the western China and workshops in Beijing. We hope to link the outcomes of the workshop with other regional and global initiatives to fight poverty, including the United Nations' Millenium Development Goals(MDGs). We hope that the United Nations will also send their representatives to the workshop. Formal invitations will soon follow. It is also our hope that Your Excellency can send your personal message for the occasion.

In addition, the 6th General Assembly of the ICAPP will be held in Phnom Pehn, Cambodia under the main theme of "Asia's Quest for a Better Tomorrow" in late November or early December this year. It is our sincere hope that Your Excellency will attend the opening session of the General Assembly and make a keynote speech. About five hundred political leaders representing over 150 political parties in Asia are expected to participate in the conference. We will send you an official invitation as soon as the dates of the conference are confirmed.

In this regard, it is with great pleasure for us to report that the video message of Your Excellency to the 5th General Assembly of the ICAPP which was held in Astana, Kazakhstan in September last year was very inspirational for our joint endeavors not only to achieve permanent peace and shared prosperity in our region but also eventually build an Asian community. Your strong support for and keen interest in the regional solidarity were also highly appreciated by all the participants in the General Assembly. We rely upon your continued support and cooperation for our efforts to further promote the principles

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of negotiated settlement of political differences through expanded dialogue among political parties, both domestically and internationally.

Please accept, Excellency, assurances of our highest consideration.

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Attachments: As stated.