Conclusions of the 15th Meeting of the Standing Committee of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP)
(Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, May 5, 2011)

The 15th Meeting (hereinafter referred to as "the Meeting") of the Standing Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the SC") of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (hereinafter referred to as "the ICAPP") was held at Putra World Trade Center(PWTC) in Kuala Lumpur, under the auspices of the United Malay National Organization (hereinafter referred to as "the UMNO") on May 5, 2011, prior to the ICAPP Conference on Natural Disasters and Environmental Protection (hereinafter referred to as "the ICAPP Conference") which was held at the Seri Pacific Ball Room of the PWTC during May 6-7, 2011.

The Meeting was convened and chaired by Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founding Chairman and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, and Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the ICAPP. The list of participants and annotated agenda are attached as ***Appendixes I and II***.

The Meeting was also attended by H.E. Hussain Muhammad Ershad, MP, Former President and Chairman of Jatiya Party of Bangladesh as a special guest.

New Members of the Standing Committee

As the first business of the Meeting, the Members welcomed two new SC Members.

The Members were informed by the Secretariat that Hon. K.P. Sharma Oli, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Chief of International Department, has replaced Hon. Madhav Kumar Nepal, Former Prime Minister and Senior Leader, as the SC Member representing the Communist Party of Nepal(UML) as of May 5, 2011.

They were also informed that Hon. Shane L. Stone, Former Federal President, has replaced Hon. Chris McDiven, Former Federal President, as the SC Member representing the Liberal Party of Australia as of January 1, 2011.

Preparations for the ICAPP Conference on Natural Disasters and Environmental Protection

Report on Preparations for the ICAPP Conference

Hon. Dato Seri Shahidan bin Kassim, Special Adviser to the Prime Minister for the Northern Region Economic Growth of the UMNO and Member of the SC representing the UMNO, made a report on the state of preparations for the ICAPP Conference in his capacity as Chairman of the Organizing Committee. The report included the final program and the list of participants and observers, which are attached herewith as ***Appendixes III and*** IV. (The final list of speakers, who delivered their speeches at the ICAPP Conference on May 6, 2011, is attached as ***Appendix and V***.)

Report on the Activities of the IMEF

Hon. Dato Seri Shahidan bin Kassim reported on the activities of the ICAPP Medical Emergency Forum (IMEF) which was established as a humanitarian wing of the ICAPP in Langkawi, Malaysia in June 2010. He further reported that financial assistance have been provided by the IMEF to victims of recent natural disasters in Pakistan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan and Myanmar. He said that the decision to further institutionalize the IMEF by seting up its permanent secretariat in Kuala Lumpur will enable the IMEF to provide more readily available and rapid assistance to the victims of natural disasters in the future and requested all political parties to render whatever support or assistance possible to the IMEF.

The SC Members expressed their appreciation to the efforts made by the UMNO and in particular by Hon. Dato Seri Shahidan bin Kassim in promoting the cause and activities of the IMEF and recommended all political parties in the region to more actively support the IMEF in various ways.

Kuala Lumpur Declaration

Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Special Rapporteur of the SC, presented the draft Kuala Lumpur Declaration which had been prepared in cooperation with the Organizing Committee of the 6th GA and the Co-Chairmen of the SC. The SC Members agreed to circulate the revised draft, which reflected the comments of the SC Members, to all participants in the Conference at the beginning of the conference. (The declaration was later finalized and adopted at the closing session of the ICAPP Conference on May 6, 2011, which is attached as ***Appendix VI***.)

Preparations for 3nd Joint Session with the Coordinating Body of the COPPPAL

The Members welcomed the delegation of the COPPPAL, headed by Hon. Gustavo Caravajal Moreno, Deputy Chairman of the COPPPAL. The Secretariat made a brief report on the results of 2nd Joint Session between the ICAPP Standing Committee and the COPPPAL Coordinating Body, which was held on the sidelines of the 6th GA of the ICAPP, and reminded the SC Members that it was agreed to hold the 3rd Joint Session at a venue in Latin America during the second half of 2011. The report on the results of the 2nd Joint Session is attached as ***Appendix VII***.

In this regard, Hon. Gustavo Caravajal Moreno reported that the COPPPAL proposes to convene the 3rd Joint Session between the ICAPP and the COPPPAL on the sidelines of the Annual Plenary Meeting of the COPPPAL to be held either in Mexico City or Buenos Aires during November 25-29, 2011. It was agreed that final dates and venue will be decided through consultation between the two secretariats.

Future ICAPP Programs, including the time and venue of the 7th GA

Time and Venue for the 7th General Assembly

Hon. Theo Sambuaga, Vice President of the Party of the Functional Groups, or *Partai Golongan Karya(GOLKAR)*, of Indonesia, reconfirmed the willingness of his party to host the 7th General Assembly of the ICAPP in Indonesia in late 2011 or early 2012. After some consultation, the SC Members concluded that, following the ICAPP tradition, the 7th GA

should be held in late 2012. The delegation of the GOLKAR Party confirmed that it would be willing to host the 7th GA either in November or December of 2012.

In this regard, it was recalled that Hon. Konstantin Kosachev, Chairman of the International Affairs Committee of the State Duma of Russia and Deputy Secretary for International Policy and Interparty Relations of the Presidium of the General Council of the United Russia Party, had also expressed the willingness of his party to consider hosting the 7th General Assembly of the ICAPP in Vladivostok, Russia in late 2012 in conjunction with the APEC Summit.

In the absence of the representative of the United Russia Party, the SC Members agreed in principle to convene the 7th GA in Jakarta in late 2012, and requested the Secretariat to immediately contact with Hon. Konstantin Kosachev and confirm whether the United Russia Party would consent to this agreement.

Updated List of Political Parties Eligible to Participate in ICAPP Activities

The SC Members took note that, according to the latest survey conducted by the Secretariat, there were 341 political parties in 53 countries and 1 territory as of the end of April 2011 that were eligible to participate in the ICAPP activities in accordance with the ICAPP criteria as stipulated in the ICAPP Charter and the understandings reached at the 5th SC Meeting in June 2006 and the 8th SC Meeting in November 2007. They particularly noted that 9 political parties in Myanmar have been newly added to the list reflecting the results of the general elections conducted in Myanmar on November 10, 2010. The updated list of political parties eligible to participate in the ICAPP activities is attached as ***Appendix VIII***.

It was also agreed that the ICAPP Standing Committee would soon send its mission to Myanmar to meet the political leaders and encourage them to actively participate in the future ICAPP activities.

Time and Venues for Future SC Meetings

The Members reconfirmed their decision to convene the 16th SC Meeting in the Republic of Korea during the second half of 2011. In this regard, the Korean delegation reported that the Grand National Party will host the 16th SC Meeting in cooperation with the Democratic Party of Korea in Seoul during October 27-30, 2011, and circulated an information sheet which is attached as ***Appendix IX***.

It was also agreed to hold the 17th SC Meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan in May 2012 under the auspice of New Azerbaijan Party, and the 18th SC Meeting on the sidelines of the 7th General Assembly to be held at a venue to be decided later during the second half of 2012. It was further agreed that the 19th SC Meeting will be held in Hanoi, Vietnam under the auspices of the Communist Party of Vietnam during the first half of 2013.

Time and Venue for Special ICAPP Conferences

Hon. Ai Ping, Vice Minister of the International Department, Central Committee, Communist Party of China(CPC), offered to host an ICAPP Conference in Shandong Province in early September 2011. He further said that this year marks the 90th anniversary of the CPC, and the ICAPP Conference will be one of the occasions to celebrate the anniversary and also will provide an opportunity share development experiences among political leaders in the region.

Hon. Ai Ping said that Shandong Province has played a major role in Chinese history from the beginning of Chinese civilization and served as a pivotal cultural site especially for Confucianism, and, more importantly in recent history, has led the opening of China to the outside world. He further said that the topic for the conference would be soon selected and informed through the ICAPP Secretariat to all SC Members together with detailed information regarding the organization of the conference.

The SC Members welcomed and appreciated the offer of the CPC to host another ICAPP Conference in China.

Observer Status for the ICAPP in the United Nations' General Assembly

Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman and Secretary General, made a brief report on the results of his recent trip to the United Nations Headquarters in New York during March 16-18, 2011. His report which had been circulated in advance to the Meeting is attached as ***Appendix X.*** He reported that he met with high level officials of the U.N. Secretariat and most of the representatives of the U.N. Member States which were represented in the ICAPP Standing Committee and discussed how to proceed with the ICAPP's bid for the observer status.

The SC Members expressed their appreciation for the efforts by the Secretariat and agreed that they would strongly recommend their respective governments to give clear instructions to their respective representatives to the United Nations in New York to support and put their signatures on the letter to be submitted to the Secretary General of the U.N. by hopefully all representatives of 18 Member States which are represented in the ICAPP Standing Committee, requesting for the inclusion of an item on the issue of inviting the ICAPP to participate in the work of the U.N. General Assembly in the capacity of observer in the agenda of the 66th session of the U.N. General Assembly in 2011.

The Secretariat will soon circulate among the SC Members the draft of the above-mentioned letter together with two other documents which should be attached to the letter when submitted to the U.N. Secretary General, i.e. an explanatory memorandum on the ICAPP and a draft resolution for adoption at the U.N. General Assembly.

ICAPP-Sponsored Political Dialogue in Nepal

The SC Members recalled that the "Peace Consultation for Nepal(PCN)" was to be held in Phnom Penh during March 2-4, 2011 under the co-sponsorship of the ICAPP, the Centrist Asia Pacific Democrats International(CAPDI) and the Royal Government of Cambodia in accordance with the agreements at the 14th SC Meeting and the 6th General Assembly held in Phnom Penh last December. It was, however, decided to postpone the PCN due to new political developments in Nepal.

In this regard, Hon. Sharma Oli, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Head of the International Department of the Communist Party of Nepal(CPN-UML), reported that the three major political parties of Nepal, i.e. Unified Communist Party of Nepal(Maoist), Nepali Congress and the CPN(UML), would continue to coordinate their positions on this initiative and inform their final decision on the issue as soon as possible after a new deadline for the promulgation of the Democratic Constitution of Nepal expires on May 28, 2011.

ICAPP-Sponsored Political Dialogue between India and Pakistan

As was agreed at the 14th SC Meeting and endorsed at the 6th General Assembly held in Phnom Penh last December, the SC Members agreed to continue their efforts to bring together the top leaders of major political parties of India and Pakistan, both governing and opposition, to a political dialogue under the auspices of the ICAPP to promote negotiated settlements of all issues between the two great nations. It was agreed that the dialogue should be convened at a third place as soon as possible and the Co-Chairmen and the SC Members of India and Pakistan will closely coordinate to prepare for a detailed plan of the dialogue in due course, including the time, venue and agenda.

Other Issues

Climate Change Act

Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founding Chairman and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, circulated a draft omnibus bill on climate change which had been prepared in conjunction with Hon. Dr. Jiang Mingjun, Director General of the International Eco-Safety Cooperative Organization(IESCO), and proposed to recommend to all the parliaments in Asia to consider legislation of a similar act by modifying or re-forming the draft bill to suit their respective national circumstances. The draft climate change act is attached as ***Appendix XI.***

Establishing National Chapters of the ICAPP

Hon. Hussain Muhammad Ershad, Former President of Bangladesh, who attended the Meeting as a special guest, proposed to encourage the establishment of national chapters of the ICAPP in all countries in the region and closely coordinate their participation in the ICAPP activities with the ICAPP Secretariat in Seoul. He said that the Jatiya Party would soon initiate the establishment of the ICAPP Chapter in Bangladesh in cooperation with other political parties in the country.

The SC Members welcomed this initiative and agreed to encourage establishment of the national chapters of the ICAPP in all countries in the region and coordinate their activities with the ICAPP Secretariat.

Establishing the ICAPP Foundation

Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founding Chairman and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, proposed to consider establishing the ICAPP Foundation to raise and manage necessary fund to provide financial support for ICAPP activities.

In this regard, it was agreed to set up a task force to examine the possibility of establishing the foundation which would be composed of Hon. Dato Seri Shahidan Bin Kassim of the UMNO, Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Secretary General of the Pakistan Muslim League and Special Rapporteur of the ICAPP Standing Committee, and Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Secretary General.

Support for Non-Permanent Membership in U.N. Security Council

At the request of some SC Members, it was agreed that the ICAPP Standing Committee would give political support to all Asian countries which would bid for non-permanent

membership in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Situation regarding the Border Issues between Cambodia and Thailand

Hon. Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in charge of the Council of Ministers of Cambodia, briefly reported on the current situation regarding the border issues between Cambodia and Thailand.

In this regard, the SC Members agreed to issue a special statement on the situation in which they expressed their serious concern on the recent military clashes between the two countries along their border and hoped that peace would prevail through dialogue and negotiation. They particularly welcomed the ASEAN initiative for organizing a dialogue between Cambodia and Thailand and also expressed their willingness to play any role that is desirable by both parties to defuse the situation. The special statement the ICAPP Standing Committee is attached as ***Appendix XII.***

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