Draft Annotated Agenda
For the 43nd Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee
(Perm, Russian Federation, May 30, 2025)

I. Issues Relating to the ICAPP Standing Committee (SC)

43rd Meeting of the SC

As was informed by the ICAPP Update (25-05) of March 4, 2025, it was agreed that the 43rd Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the SC") of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (hereinafter referred to as "the ICAPP") will be hosted by the United Russia Party (URP), represented by Hon. Andrey A. Klimov, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP SC, Member of the Bureau of the Supreme Council, Deputy Secretary General of the URP on International Affairs, on the occasion of the International Public-Political Hearing on the Formation of a United and Equal System of Security and Cooperation on the Eurasian Continent, to be held in Perm, Russian Federation, during May 28-30, 2025.

New Members of the SC

As was informed by the ICAPP Update (24-62) on December 10, 2024, the Mongolian People's Party of Mongolia appointed Hon. Altai Khangai, International Secretary of Mongolian People's Party (MPP) to replace Hon. Tselmuun Manalijav, Member of the ICAPP SC, Advisor to the Chief Cabinet Secretary at the Mongolian Cabinet Secretariat, as the representative of the MPP in the SC, as of December 3, 2024.

Expansion of the SC Membership

At the 41st SC Meeting held in Bangkok in May 2024, SC Members agreed to increase the number of countries which are represented in the SC, which was previously limited to twenty-three (23), to twenty-four (24) or twenty-five (25) countries in the region.

In this regard, the SC Members also agreed to consider inviting the two principal political parties in Uzbekistan, i.e. Liberal Democratic Party of Uzbekistan (*UzLiDeP*) and the National Revival Democratic Party of Uzbekistan (*Milliy Tiklanish*). Accordingly, the ICAPP Secretariat had contacted the two parties in Uzbekistan to confirm their formal intention to join the SC. And during the visit to Tashkent, Uzbekistan, to attend the 4th Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement Parliamentary Network (NAM-PN) which was held during April 5-6, 2025, Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairman of the SC, had separate meetings on April 4 with the leaders of the two parties and confirmed their position to participate in the SC as new members.

Chairman Chung also met leaders of two other political parties, i.e. the Justice Social Democratic Party (*Adolat*) and the People's Democratic Party (*XDP*), who agreed to the ICAPP's proposal that the two political parties with the largest number of seats in the parliament, i.e. *UzLiDeP* and the *Milliy Tiklanish*, in accordance with the ICAPP's traditions and understanding. It is noteworthy that the four political parties of Uzbekistan participated in the 12th General Assembly held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in November 2024. They all agreed to continue actively participating in future ICAPP programs, including the General Assembly

and meetings of ICAPP-affiliated bodies.

The *UzLiDeP* and *Milliy Tiklanish* informed the ICAPP Secretariat respectively after the meeting that they had nominated Hon. Sardobek Marpov, Member of the Executive Committee of the Political Council, and Hon. Ms. Nargiza Khamidova Bakhtiyarovna, Deputy Chairperson of the Central Council and Director of the Training, Research, and Analytical Center, as its representative to the ICAPP SC..

The report of Chairman Chung's participation in the 4th Conference of the NAM PN and meetings with leaders of the political parties in Uzbekistan is attached as ***Appendix I.***

In this regard, it is recommended to welcome the representatives of the *Milliy Tiklanish* and the *UzLiDeP* as Special Participants, or *de facto* SC Members, until Paragraph 1 of Article 9 of the ICAPP Charter, which currently reads "A Standing Committee, composed of the representatives of political parties of not exceeding twenty-three (23) countries in the region, shall be established," is amended at the next General Assembly (hereinafter referred to as "the GA").

The updated list of the ICAPP SC is attached as ***Appendix II***

Merger of the Central Committee's Commission for External Relations of the Communist Party of Vietnam and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

As was informed by ICAPP Update (25-07), dated March 13, 2025, the Central Committee's Commission for External Relations of the Communist Party of Vietnam was merged with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, taking effect on January 24, 2025.

As a result, from January 25, 2025, the Party Committee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam has served as the primary point of contact for all external relations between the Communist Party of Vietnam and foreign political parties. Additionally, the Party Committee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has confirmed that it will continue to implement the plans, programs, and cooperation agreements previously established by the Central Committee's Commission for External Relations of the Communist Party of Vietnam.

The official letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam is attached as ***Appendix III.***

Bureau Meetings of the SC

Bureau Members of the SC have held four virtual meetings on January 8, February 5 and 26, and March 26 to discuss the ICAPP work programs for 2025, including the two SC Meetings as well as the upcoming meetings of ICAPP-affiliated groups, including the Asia-Europe Political Forum.

44th Meeting of the SC

The New Azerbaijan Party has offered on February 14 to host the 44th SC Meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan in mid to late October 2025, back-to-back with the 4th Meeting of the Asian Cultural

Council (ACC).

Future Meetings of the SC

According to Paragraph 2 of Article 10 of the ICAPP Charter, "the SC meeting shall be held at least once a year, including its meetings during the GA." It has also been the ICAPP tradition to hold two SC meetings in a year since the 4th SC Meeting in 2005. In this regard, political parties represented in the SC are requested to offer to host the 45th SC Meeting to be held during the first half of 2026.

The 46th SC Meeting will be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea on the sidelines of the 13th General Assembly (GA) which will be co-hosted by the *Minjoo* (Democratic) Party and the People Power Party of the Republic of Korea during the second half of 2026, tentatively in early November.

Special Statements Issued by the SC Members

As was informed by the ICAPP Update (25-02) of January 9, 2025, SC Members issued a statement on the devastating earthquakes that occurred in Tibet, People's Republic of China, to extend condolences and sympathies to the families of the victims and the people of Tibet.

As was informed by the ICAPP Update (25-12) of March 31, 2025, SC Members issued a statement on the devastating earthquakes that occurred in the Union of Myanmar and the Kingdom of Thailand, urging the international community to demonstrate solidarity and provide assistance to the people and government of these nations.

The statements are attached as ***Appendixes IV-1 and IV-2***

The SC Members also issued a special statement regarding the tensions between India and Pakistan, as was informed by the ICAPP Update (25-19) of May 2, 2025. The statement is attached as ***Appendix IV-3***.

II. Review of the ICAPP activities since the 42nd SC Meeting

ICAPP Observer Mission to the 4th NAM-PN Conference

As was reported in the above, Chairman Hon. Chung Eui-yong participated in the 4th Conference of Non-Aligned Movement Parliamentary Network (NAM-PN), held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan during April 5-6, 2025 as an observer representing the ICAPP in accordance with the MOU between the ICAPP and NAM-PN on the exchange of observers signed on March 4, 2024. The conference was attended by 14 speakers of parliament, 8 deputy speakers, over 40 members of parliament from 38 NAM member states, and observers from 10 international organizations, including the ICAPP, APA, IPU and PABSEC.

Participants in the NAM-PN addressed in particular key global challenges such as armed conflicts, inequality, climate change, and the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. They also underscored the vital role of parliamentary cooperation in advancing sustainable development, human rights, and inclusive participation of women and youth.

The final statement adopted at the 4th Conference of the NAM-PN reaffirmed commitment to the founding principles of the Non-Aligned Movement, including peace, sovereignty, and multilateralism.

During his stay, Chairman Chung also held bilateral meetings with Hon. Sahiba Gafarova, Speaker of the *Milli Majlis* of Azerbaijan; Hon. Abdulaziz Kamilov, Special Representative of the President of Uzbekistan on Foreign Affairs; and Hon. Asaf Hajiyev, Secretary General of PABSEC, to discuss future cooperation.

The Report of the ICAPP Observer Mission to the 4th *NAM-PN* Conference and the Chairman Chung's remarks are attached as ***Appendixes I-1 and I-2.***

Publications of ICAPP NEWS Volumes 5 and 6

In accordance with the agreement to publish a quarterly newsletter, reached at the 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum held in November 2023, the ICAPP Secretariat has published ICAPP NEWS Volume 5, in consultation with the members of the editorial board, as had been informed by ICAPP update (25-04) of February 28, 2025, covering the period of the fourth quarter of 2024, and Volume 6 as had been informed by ICAPP Update (25-18) of May 02, 2025, covering the first quarter of 2025.

The copies of the ICAPP NEWS Volume 5 and Volume 6 are attached as ***Appendixes V-1 and V-2*** respectively.

III. ICAPP Work Programs for 2025

4th Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council

The New Azerbaijan Party offered to host the 4th Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC) in Baku, Azerbaijan, back-to-back with the 44th SC Meeting in October 2025.

8th Meeting of ICAPP Youth Wing and 9th Meeting of ICAPP Women's Wing

The recent Meetings of the ICAPP Youth Wing and the ICAPP Women's Wing were held in Mongolia, in 2023 and 2024. It is requested that SC members consider offering to host the 8th Meeting of the Youth Wing and the 9th Meeting of the Women's Wing, back-to-back with other meetings or independently during 2025.

In this regard, the *Motalefeh* Party of Iran has recently expressed its interest in hosting one of the meetings in Tehran, Iran during the summer of 2025.

3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Business Council

At the 41st SC Meeting held in May 2024, the United National Party (UNP) of Sri Lanka, had offered to host the 3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Business Council in Colombo, Sri Lanka, back-to-back with the 43rd SC Meeting during the first half of 2025.

However, in light of the significant defeat of the UNP in the parliamentary elections held in November 2024, the Secretariat has reached out to the National People's Party (*Jathika Jana Balawegaya*) to explore the possibility of co-hosting the meeting with the UNP, and no response has been received so far.

8th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum

It was agreed to establish the ICAPP Media Forum to be composed of SC Members and one media representative from each country which is represented in the ICAPP SC, at the 16th SC Meeting held in Seoul in October 2011, and the meetings of the ICAPP Media Forum have been held in Seoul (2015), Kula Lumpur (2016), Seoul (2017), Moscow (2018), Seoul (2022), Seoul (2023), and Phnom Penh (2024).

It is requested that SC members consider offering to host the 8th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum, back-to-back with other meetings or independently in the near future. In this regard, it has been the tradition that the host of the ICAPP Media Forum pay for the round-trip economy-class airfare for one media representative from one country designated by SC Members.

ICAPP Special Conference

Since 2008, more than twenty ICAPP Special Conferences or Workshops have been held until 2022 on a variety of issues and topics, including prevention of political corruption, poverty alleviation, natural disasters and environmental protection, business promotion, women's empowerment, human trafficking, migration and refugees, political democratization and security cooperation. The list of the ICAPP Special Conferences and Workshops during 2008-2022 is attached as ***Appendix VI.***

In this regard, at the 39th SC Meeting held in Busan in May 2023, SC Members expressed the view that the ICAPP should consider organizing more special conferences in the future, and suggested climate change, ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) issues, promoting environmentally responsible behaviors, ICAPP's role in the post-COVID era, and the economic and social challenges facing Asia in the aftermath of the pandemic as potential topics for special conferences.

SC Members are encouraged to offer to host ICAPP special conferences and share additional ideas for possible topics.

6th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum

At the 5th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF) held on October 14, 2023, Hon. Jan Zahradil, Co-Chairperson of the AEPF, Member of the European Parliament (EP) representing the Czech Republic, and Bureau Member of the European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR) in the European Parliament (EP), proposed to delay the 6th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum, which was scheduled to be held in April 2024 in Brussels, Belgium, to September 2024.

However, during the ICAPP Mission to the EP in Strasbourg during March 12 to14, 2024, most of the European representatives were of the view to hold the meeting in late 2024 or early 2025 for administrative and budgetary reasons. They stated that, since the new session of the EP

would start in September following the EP elections in June 2024, the newly formed political party groups in the EP would need more time to prepare for the meeting.

In this regard, the ICAPP Secretariat's efforts to have follow-up discussion with the EP and political party groups in the EP have not produced any substantial results yet regarding the venue and date for the 6th AEPF meeting due to the lack of communication on the part of the European side.

In the meantime, following the discussion at an online Bureau meeting of the SC held on March 25, 2025, Hon. Suos Yara, Vice Chairman of the SC, reached out to the *Fidesz* Party of Hungary, which is a member of another political party group in the EP, i.e. "Patriots for Europe," to explore a possibility of convening the 6th AEPF meeting in Hungary. In this regard, Hon. Nemeth Zsolt, Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee of the *Fidesz* Party proposed in a recent communication with Hon. Sous Yara, to host the 6th AEPF meeting in Budapest, Hungary in October or November 2025, in cooperation with Patriots for Europe.

IV. Cooperation with political parties in other regions and international organizations

Cooperation with Political Parties in Africa

The Council of African Political Parties (CAPP) was launched in April 2013 in close collaboration with the ICAPP and the *COPPPAL* (Permanent Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean) with its Secretariat in Khartoum, Sudan. Since then the ICAPP had held meetings on a regular basis with the CAPP bilaterally, or trilaterally with the *COPPPAL*. However, such cooperation was disrupted by sudden political upheavals in Sudan since late 2018.

Subsequently, as have been discussed at the SC Meetings since the 38th Meeting in Istanbul in November 2022, the ICAPP has been taking a dual approach in promoting cooperation with political parties in Africa, by reaching out directly to principal political parties in the region through various channels including those of political parties represented in the SC, while maintaining communication with caution with the CAPP Secretariat in Khartoum.

At the 41st SC Meeting held in Bangkok in May 2024, SC Members tentatively determined that, due to continuous political turmoil in Sudan, the CAPP Secretariat could not function properly to promote cooperation with political parties in Africa. Since then, the ICAPP has been trying to reach out to various political parties and regional groups of political parties in Africa through various channels.

As a part of such efforts, the ICAPP Secretariat established a contact in early 2025 with the African Governance Center (AGC) based in Accra, Ghana. The AGC recently informed the ICAPP Secretariat that H.E. John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana and the leader of the National Democratic Congress Party, is planning to host the African Political Parties Summit in Accra, Ghana during July 10-12, 2025 in which leaders of political parties from all 54 countries in Africa will be invited, under the "African Political Parties Initiative (APPI)" which was recently launched. The letter from the AGC to the ICAPP, dated April 22, 2025, is attached as ***Appendix VII***,

In this regard, at the request of the AGC, Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairman of the SC, held an online meeting with Dr.. Nelson Oppong, Executive Director of the AGC on May 20, 2025, and agreed to the following understandings tentatively:

- The ICAPP and the APPI will promote cooperation between political parties in Asia and Africa, by exchanging observers to their regular meetings and holding bilateral meetings on a regular basis
- The ICAPP and the APPI will coordinate their global efforts to achieve a more peaceful and prosperous world in cooperation with other regional organizations of political parties, such as the *COPPPAL*
- The ICAPP will send an observer mission to the African Political Parties Summit to be held in Accra during July 10-12, 2025

Cooperation with the UNESCO

As was informed by the ICAPP Update (25-22), dated May 13, 2025, the ICAPP Secretariat received an invitation letter from the Secretariat of the World Heritage Convention (WHC) in the UNESCO to attend the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee as observers which will be held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France during July 6-16, 2025. The letter of invitation from the UNESCO, dated May 12, 2025, and the general information are attached as ***Appendixes VIII-1 and VIII-2***.

In this regard, it is agreed to send an ICAPP Observer Mission to the 47th session of the WHC, in accordance with the Cooperation Agreement between the UNESCO and the ICAPP, signed on December 4, 2018. It was further agreed, as was informed by the ICAPP Update (25-24), dated May 16, 2025, the ICAPP mission will be headed by Hon. Sous Yara, Chairperson of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC) of the ICAPP, and Chairperson of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, and Information of the National Assembly of Cambodia, representing the Cambodian People's Party.

SC Members who wish to join in the ICAPP observer mission to the WHC session are requested to inform the Secretariat not later than June 3, 2025, so that the Secretariat could register the list of the mission by June 6, 2025 as advised by the host. SC Members are also requested to suggest any issue or suggestion which they want to have reflected in the presentation by the ICAPP observer mission to the WHC session.

Signing of MOUs to support and increase ICAPP activities

Since 2013, the ICAPP has concluded six Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), including an Inter-governmental MOU which has been signed by governments of eleven countries in the region so far, and five other MOUs with international organizations such as GGGI (Global Green Growth Institute), NAM PN (Non-Alignment Movement Parliamentary Assembly), PABSEC (Parliamentary Assembly of Black Sea Economic Cooperation), IPTP (International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace), and AIPA (ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly). The ICAPP also concluded a Cooperation Agreement with the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization). The list of the six MOUs and a Cooperation Agreement the ICAPP has so far concluded is attached as ***Appendix IX-1***.

In this regard, it has been suggested by many SC Members that the ICAPP should further enhance its network of cooperation with other international organizations, including the U.N.

agencies and other regional organizations.

It was also noted that the inter-governmental "MOU on Cooperation to Support the Activities of the ICAPP," signed on July 26, 2013, has been joined by the governments of eleven countries so far, i.e. Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Iran, Kazakhstan, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam. More governments are encouraged to join as signatories to the MOU "to provide appropriate support that is available and possible within their capacity for the activities and programs of the ICAPP," as stipulated in Paragraph 1 of the MOU. It was also noted that the MOU was "not intended to create any legally binding obligations" to the signatories, as stipulated in Paragraph 2.

The ICAPP Secretariat was designated as the Depository for the MOU by Paragraph 5 of the MOU, and any government that wishes to participate in the MOU can notify the ICAPP Secretariat, in writing, of its intention, which would be immediately informed to other participants.

In this regard, at the 19th SC Meeting held in Hanoi in April 2013, SC Members endorsed the initiative and agreed to recommend to their respective governments to sign the MOU.

The copy of the inter-governmental MOU is attached as ***Appendix IX-2.***

Other Issues

The SC Members may raise any other issues of their interest under this item.

Appendixes:

I. The 4th NAM-PN Conference

1. Report of the ICAPP Observer Mission

2. Chairman Chung's Remarks

II. Updated List of the ICAPP SC

III. Official Letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

IV. Special Statements issued by the ICAPP SC

1. *Statement on the earthquakes in Tibet*
2. *Statement on the earthquakes in Myanmar and Thailand*
3. *Statement on the tensions between India and Pakistan*

V. Publications of ICAPP News

1. *Volume 5 (Oct.-Dec.2024)*
2. *Volume 6 (Jan.-Mar. 2025)*

VI. List of ICAPP Special Conferences and Workshops during 2008-2022

VII. Letter from the Africa Governance Center (AFC), dated April 22, 2025

VIII. The 47th Session of the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO

1. Invitation letter, dated May 12, 2025

2. General information

IX. MOUs an Agreement signed by the ICAPP

1. List of MOUs and Agreement

2. Copy of Inter-Governmental MOU to Support ICAPP Activities