**Draft Conclusions of the**
**Special Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee**
**(Nanning, September 3 and 4, 2011)**

Two sessions of the Special 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") were held in Nanning, Capital City of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of China, under the auspices of the Communist Party of China (hereinafter referred to as "the CPC") on September 3 and 4, 2011, on the margins of the ICAPP Special Conference on Development and People's Access (hereinafter referred to as "the ICAPP Conference") held during September 4-6, 2011.

The first session was held from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 3 and focused on the issues relating to the preparations for the ICAPP Conference and the issues concerning the ICAPP's bid for observer status in the U.N. General Assembly (hereinafter referred to as "the UNGA").

The second session was held from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 4 and focused on the draft Nanning Declaration on Development and People's Access to be adopted at the end of the ICAPP Conference and future work programs of the ICAPP, including convening of the 3rd Joint Session between the ICAPP SC and the Coordinating Body(CB) of the COPPPAL.

The Meeting was chaired by Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founding Chairman and Co-Chairman of the SC, and Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the SC and Secretary General of the ICAPP.

The list of participants and annotated agenda are attached as ***Appendixes I and II***.

## Preparations for the ICAPP Conference on Development and People's Access

### *Report on the State of Preparation for the ICAPP Conference*

Hon. Ai Ping, Vice Minister of the International Department of the CPC, made a report on the overall state of preparations for the ICAPP Conference in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Organizing Committee. He reported that the Organizing Committee is headed by two Co-Chairmen, Hon. Wang Jiarui, Minister of the International Department of the CPC, and Hon. Guo Shengkun, Secretary of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Regional Committee of the CPC. He further stated that the ICAPP Conference was to be held on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the CPC.

The Secretary General of the Organizing Committee also reported that a total of 53 political parties from 27 countries had confirmed their participation in the ICAPP Conference. It was further reported that the CPC invited two special guests to the conference, i.e. H.E. Jose Ramos Horta, President of Timor-Este, and H.E. Bougnang Vorachith, Vice President of the Lao People's Republic. He also circulated the final program, a list of speakers and moderators to preside each plenary session of the ICAPP Conference.

The Members expressed their appreciation to the excellent preparations made by the CPC, the Organizing Committee and the Government of Guangxi Autonomous Region in hosting the ICAPP Conference, and endorsed the program and the list of speakers and moderators as proposed by the Organizing Committee. They also extended their sincere congratulations to the CPC on the occasion of its 90th anniversary.

The program, the list of participants and observers, and the list of speakers and moderators of the ICAPP Conference are attached as ***Appendixes III, IV and V*** respectively.

***Nanning Declaration on Development and People's Access***

The Organizing Committee of the Conference presented the draft Nanning Declaration which had been prepared in cooperation with Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Special Rapporteur of the SC. The draft declaration was later circulated among all the participants for their comments and suggestions at the beginning of the ICAPP Conference. The Members agreed to form the Drafting Committee of the declaration, to be composed of the two Co-Chairmen and Special Rapporteur of the SC and the Secretary General of the Organizing Committee, and requested the committee to prepare the final draft of the declaration and submit it to the Closing Ceremony of the ICAPP Conference for its adoption,

Accordingly, the final draft was prepared by the Drafting Committee in the evening of Monday, September 5, 2011, reflecting the discussions at the plenary sessions of the conference and the suggestions received from participants, and adopted unanimously at the Closing Ceremony of the ICAPP Conference held in the morning of Tuesday, September 6, 2011.

The Nanning Declaration on Development and People's Access is attached as ***Appendix VI*.**

**ICAPP's bid for Observer Status in the Work of the UNGA**

Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the ICAPP, made a report on the current state of progress in obtaining observer status in the work of the UNGA.

He reported that, as was informed in the ICAPP Update 11-37, dated August 25, 2011, an official UN document, No. A.66.198, dated August 19, 2011, titled "Request for the inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda of the sixty-sixth session," had just been distributed to the Member States by the U.N. Secretariat. The UN document included the application letter, co-signed by Permanent Representatives to the UN of six Member States that were represented in the SC, i.e. Cambodia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Nepal, the Philippines and Vietnam, an explanatory memorandum on the ICAPP and the draft resolution. The UNGA Document is attached as ***Appendix VII.***

He further reported that the first session of the General Committee of the 66th Session of the UNGA would be convened on September 14, 2011, and it would be decided at the meeting whether to include the item on the ICAPP's application for observer status in the provisional agenda of the UNGA. He said that, if included, the item was expected to be deliberated at the Sixth Committee of the UNGA, which deals with legal issues, either in the month of October

or November.

In this regard, he particularly reminded the Members that the following two legal issues would be most probably raised during the course of deliberations at the Sixth Committee of the UNGA as had been pointed out by UN officials and representatives of some Member States:

(a) Whether the legal status of the ICAPP is appropriate to invite it as an observer, since it is not an intergovernmental organization; and
(b) The regional nature of the ICAPP might create a new precedent in the UNGA's principle of inviting inter-governmental organizations with global nature as observers.

The Members appreciated the efforts made so far by the Secretariat to obtain observer status in the UNGA and agreed to fully coordinate and render their support to this endeavor as follows:

(a) To dispatch, if necessary, an ICAPP delegation to the UNGA when the Sixth Committee of the UNGA takes up the item;
(b) To cooperate and coordinate to develop common positions to defend the importance and the necessity for granting observer status to the ICAPP;
(c) To recommend their respective governments to render full support during the course of deliberations at the UNGA; and
(d) To reach out, directly or indirectly through their respective governments, to governments of other Member States not only in Asia but also in other regions to support the ICAPP's application.

The Members requested the Secretariat to continue to make report on the progress in the deliberations in the UNGA and to coordinate cooperation among the Members on this issue. They also welcomed the commitment made by Hon. Gustavo Caravajal Moreno, Vice President of the COPPPAL, that the COPPPAL would strongly support the ICAPP's efforts and request the respective governments of the COPPPAL members to render strong support for the ICAPP to become an observer in the UNGA.

## Future Work Programs of the ICAPP

### *16th Meeting of the Standing Committee*

Hon. Hwang Jin-ha, Member of the National Assembly and President of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, reconfirmed the plan of the Grand National Party to host the 16th Meeting of the SC in Seoul, Korea, during Oct. 27-30, 2011. The tentative Program of the 16th Meeting of the SC is attached as ***Appendix VIII.***

### *Time and Venue of the 7th General Assembly of the ICAPP*

Hon. Amb. Iris Indira Murti, International Relations Coordinator of the GOLKAR Party of Indonesia, reconfirmed her party's willingness and offer to host the 7th General Assembly of

the ICAPP in Jakarta, Indonesia during the latter part of 2012. She also said that the event would be co-hosted by the Democratic Party of Indonesia.

The Members expressed their appreciation for the offer and agreed to the need to take a final decision as soon as possible on the time and venue for the 7th General Assembly and requested the Secretariat to confirm, prior to the 16th Meeting of the SC, with the United Russia Party regarding its earlier proposal to host the 7th General Assembly in Vladivostok, Russia on the sidelines of APEC Leaders' Meeting to be held in September 2012.

***3rd Joint Session between the ICAPP's SC and the COPPPAL's CB***

Hon. Gustavo Carvajal Moreno, Vice President of the COPPPAL, informed that it was decided to postpone the 3rd Joint Session between the ICAPP's SC and the COPPPAL's Coordinating Body, originally scheduled to be held in Buenos Aires in late November this year, to either March or April in 2012 due to forthcoming elections in several members countries of the COPPPAL in late this year. The Members expressed their understanding and agreed to this proposal.

***Conference of the Women's Commission of the COPPPAL***

Hon. Gustavo Carvajal Moreno also reminded the Members of the COPPPAL's invitation to send ICAPP delegates to the Conference of the Women's Commission of the COPPPAL to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, during September 29-30, 2011 under the theme of "Latin American Women United for Peace and Social Inclusion". He reported that the meeting would take place in the San Martin's Palace of the State Department of Argentina, and that the President of Argentina, H.E. Dr. Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, would participate in the meeting. The tentative program of the conference is attached as ***Appendix IX.***

***ICAPP-Sponsored Peace Consultation for Nepal***

Two separate meetings were held in the evenings of September 4 and 5 to discuss ways to resume the Peace Consultation for Nepal (PCN), which was agreed to be convened in Phnom Penh during March 2-4, 2011, but postponed at the last moment due to political developments in Nepal. The meetings were attended by the two Co-Chairmen and Special Rapporteur of the SC, Hon. Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister of Cambodia and Representatives of the three main political parties in Nepal, i.e. the Unified Communist Party of Nepal(Maoist), the Nepali Congress and the Communist Party of Nepal(UML).

As the result of the meetings, it was agreed to convene the Peace Consultation for Nepal in Phnom Penh, Cambodia during September 23-26, 2011 under the auspices of the Cambodian People's Party and the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia. It was further agreed, and confirmed by the Representatives of the all three main political parties of Nepal who attended the meetings, that the leaders at highest possible level of their respective parties would be present at the PCN.

**Other issues**

***New Member of the Standing Committee***

The Secretariat was requested by Mr. Mahmood Abaszadeh, Secretary of the Commission of the Islamic Coalition Party, to inform the Members that Hon. Hossein Kashefi Vahdati, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, was no longer the President of the Iran Parties Houses, and that Hon. Prof. Dr. Hassan Ghafoori Fard, Member of the Central Committee of the Islamic Coalition Party and Former Vice President of Iran, had been nominated to represent the Iran Parties House in the ICAPP Standing Committee as new Member.

***Appendixes:***

***I. List of Participants in the Special Meeting of SC***
***II. Annotated Agenda for the Special Meeting of SC***
***III. Program of the ICAPP Conference***
***IV. List of Participants and Observers of the ICAPP Conference***
***V. List of Speakers and Moderators of the ICAPP Conference***
***VI. Nanning Declaration on Development and People's Access***
***VII. UNGA Document, No. A.66.198***
***VIII. Tentative Program of the 16th SC Meeting***
***IX. Tentative Program of Conference of the Women's Commission of COPPPAL***