



**Draft Conclusions of the 14th Meeting of the Standing Committee
of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP)**
(Phnom Penh, Cambodia, December 1-3, 2010)

The 14th Meeting of the Standing Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Meeting”) of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (hereinafter referred to as “the ICAPP”) was held at Champei Room of Peace Palace, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia under the auspices of the Cambodian People’s Party (hereinafter referred to “the CPP”) on December 1 and 3, 2010, on the sidelines of the 6th General Assembly of the ICAPP Conference (hereinafter referred to as the “6th GA”) which was held during December 1-4, 2010.

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*.

At the outset, the Members agreed to focus on the following four agenda items at the Meeting due to the time constraints:

1. Preparations for the 6th GA, including the draft Phnom Penh Declaration
2. Composition of the New Standing Committee
3. Preparations for 2nd Joint Session with the Coordinating Body of the COPPPAL
4. Future ICAPP Programs, including the time and venue of the 7th GA
5. Observer Status for the ICAPP in the United Nations’ General Assembly
6. ICAPP-Sponsored Political Dialogue in Nepal
7. ICAPP-Sponsored Political Dialogue between India and Pakistan

New Members of the Standing Committee

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

First, the Members confirmed the decision reached between the Cambodian People’s Party and the Funcinpec Party of Cambodia at the 13th SC Meeting that the Cambodia People’s Party would replace the Funcinpec Party as the SC Member representing Cambodia from the 14th SC Meeting. Under this arrangement, representatives of the Funcinpec Party of Cambodia would participate in SC Meetings as Special Participants, following the formula reached between two major political parties in Japan and Korea respectively to coordinate among themselves to ensure maximum contributions by the political parties in their countries to the ICAPP activities. In this regard, other Members of the SC were also advised to consider to adopt a similar formula so as to make the ICAPP activities more inclusive and credible.

Second, the Members were informed that Hon. Chinami Nishimura, Member of the House of Representatives, has replaced Hon. Banno Yutaka, Member of the House of Councillors, as the Director General of the International Department of Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ), and she would be the SC member representing the DPJ. However, she was not be able to attend the 14th SC due to other parliamentary obligations and Hon. Naoto Sakaguchi, Member of the House of Representatives and Vice Director General of the International Department of DPJ, attended the meeting on her behalf. The Members were also informed that Hon. Yasufumi

Tanahashi, Member of the House of Representatives, has replaced Hon. Taro Kono, Member of the House of Representatives, as the Director General of the International Department of Liberal Democratic Party(LDP) of Japan, and he would be the new Special Participant in the ICAPP SC under the arrangements between the DPJ and LDP.

Third, the Members also welcomed Hon. Vuong Thua Phong, Vice Chairman of the Central Commission for External Relations of the Communist Party of Vietnam(CPV), who has replaced Hon. Pham Xuan Son as the new SC Member representing the CPV.

Nomination of Special Rapporteur of the ICAPP Standing Committee

The Members agreed to nominate Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Secretary General of the Pakistan Muslim League-Q, as Special Rapporteur of the ICAPP Standing Committee.

Preparations for the 6th General Assembly of the ICAPP

Final Program and Other Arrangements

Hon. SOK An, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers of the Royal Government of Cambodia, and Member of the Standing Committee of the Cambodia People's Party, made a report on the state of preparations for the 6th General Assembly in his capacity of Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 6th GA. The report included the final program, procedures for the opening and closing ceremonies, and the list of candidates for the Bureau of the 6th GA, which are attached herewith as ***Appendixes III-1, III-2, and III-3.***

Participating Political Parties and Observers

He also reported that, as of Nov. 30, 2010, a total of 89 political parties from 36 countries in Asia had confirmed that their representatives would participate in the 6th GA. He also reported that a total of 11 political parties and institutes from 11 countries in America, Africa and Europe had confirmed to send their representatives as observers. Another 10 international organizations have also registered as observers of the 6th GA. The List of Participating Political Parties and Observers is attached as ***Appendix IV.***

Phnom Penh Declaration

Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman of the Drafting Committee, presented the draft Phnom Penh Declaration which had been prepared in cooperation with the Organizing Committee of the 6th GA and the Co-Chairmen of the SC and circulated among the SC Members, and revised to reflect the comments of the SC Members. The declaration was later finalized at the Drafting Committee held on December 3 and unanimously adopted at the Closing Ceremony of the 6th GA. The declaration is attached as ***Appendix V.***

Report of the Standing Committee to the 6th GA

The Meeting approved the draft report of the Standing Committee on the activities of the ICAPP since the end of the 5th GA held in Astana in September 2009 as prepared by the Secretariat and decided to submit it to the 6th GA. The report is attached as ***Appendix VI.***

Composition of the New Standing Committee

In accordance with Article 9 of the ICAPP Charter, the Meeting decided on the list of the eighteen political parties from eighteen countries whose representatives would compose the new Standing Committee during the inter-sessional period from the end of the 6th GA until the end of the 7th GA. The list was submitted to the 5th GA for its announcement. The term of the new Standing Committee will start from the end of the 5th General Assembly and end at the end of the 6th General Assembly. The list of the new Standing Committee is attached as *Appendix VII*.

In selecting the political parties which will be represented in the Standing Committee, contributions made by each political party and their potential roles in further promoting the objectives and principles of the ICAPP had been taken into consideration together with more balanced geographical representation in the Standing Committee. The Members also took note that there were other political parties which had expressed their willingness to serve in the Standing Committee.

Preparations for 2nd 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 the participation of the ICAPP Delegation in the in the 19th Plenary Meeting of the COPPPAL, held in San Salvador, El Salvador, during October 8 to 12, 2010, and endorsed the annotated agenda and draft declaration for the 2nd Joint Session between the SC of the ICAPP and the Coordinating Body of the COPPPAL, which had been prepared by the Secretariat in cooperation with Secretariat of the COPPPAL. The report, annotated agenda and draft declaration are attached as *Appendixes VIII-1, VIII-2, and VIII-3*.

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

Time and Venues for Future ICAPP SC Meetings

The Members reconfirmed their decision to convene the 15th SC Meeting in Malaysia under the auspices of the UMNO during May 2011 and the 16th SC Meeting in the Republic of Korea during the second half of 2011, respectively, as have been previously agreed upon at the 12th and 13th SC Meetings in Kathmandu and Kunming. They also welcomed the offers to host future SC Meetings by other SC Members, including Bahrain, Russia and Vietnam.

Special ICAPP Conference on Natural Disasters and Environmental Protection

Hon. Dato Seri Shahadin Bin Kassim, Member of the Executive Council of the United Malay National Organization (UMNO) and Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Malaysia, confirmed the plan to host “Special ICAPP Conference on Natural Disasters and Environmental Protection” in Malaysia back-to-back with the 15th SC Meeting scheduled to be held in Malaysia under the auspices of the UMNO in May 2011. He further proposed to convene the conference and the 15th SC Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during May 5 to 7, 2011, and submitted the tentative program for the meetings, which is attached as **Appendix IX**.

Time and Venue for the 7th General Assembly

It was reported by Co-Chairman Jose de Venecia, Jr. that, during his recent trip to Indonesia, he had meetings with the leaders of the Party of the Functional Groups, or *Partai Golongan Karya(GOLKAR)*, of Indonesia and they had expressed their willingness to host the 7th General Assembly of the ICAPP in Indonesia in late 2011 or early 2012. Hon. Jusuf Kalla, Former Vice President of Indonesia and Chairman of the GOLKAR Party, who attended the 6th General Assembly, also confirmed the offer to host the 7th GA in Indonesia during the said period.

In this regard, 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, also reiterated its willingness to consider hosting the 7th General Assembly of the ICAPP in Vladivostok, Russia in late 2012 in conjunction with the APEC Summit.

The Members welcomed and appreciated the offers by the GOLKAR Party and the United Russia Party and agreed to continue their deliberation on the time and venue of the 7th GA on the basis of these offers and also in consideration of other ICAPP programs so as not to give much burden for all political parties in the region.

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

Co-Chairman Chung Eui-yong made a brief report on the results of his recent trip to the United Nations and proposed to apply for an observer status for the ICAPP in the General Assembly of the United Nations. He further reported on the procedures for obtaining the observer status and recommended that the SC Members seek the support of their respective governments to support for this proposal. His report and the relevant procedures are attached as ***Appendix X-1 and X-2***.

The SC Members unanimously endorsed the proposal and agreed to request their respective governments to co-sponsor a resolution to invite the ICAPP as an observer to the General Assembly of the United Nations. They also requested the Secretariat to immediately start the process to obtain the observer status in the near future. At the recommendation of the SC, the 6th GA also endorsed this initiative and confirmed it in the Phnom Penh Declaration, adopted at the closing ceremony on December 3, 2010.

ICAPP-Sponsored Political Dialogue in Nepal

At the 12th SC Meeting, held in Kathmandu in February 2010, the SC Members adopted unanimously a special statement in which they expressed strong support and solidarity to efforts of the people and the government of Nepal under the leadership of Prime Minister Madhava Kumar Nepal to successfully conclude the peace process in Nepal, including making the democratic constitution.

In this regard, Rt. Hon. Madhav Kumar Nepal, Prime Minister of Nepal and Senior Leader of the Communist Party of Nepal(UML) and Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, confirmed the proposal regarding an ICAPP-sponsored political dialogue in Nepal which had been informed to the SC Members in advance by the Secretariat. He confirmed that all three major political parties in Nepal, i.e. Unified Communist Party of Nepal(Maoists),

Nepali Congress Party and CPN(UML), have agreed to invite a special mission of the ICAPP to visit Nepal in a near future and convene a political dialogue with leaders of the three major political parties to help break the impasse in the peace process of Nepal.

The SC Members expressed their appreciation to the political leaders of Nepal, including the Prime Minister, for their showing of confidence in the ICAPP and agreed in principle to form and dispatch a special mission of the ICAPP Standing Committee in accordance with the specific requests from Nepal which were included in the Secretariat report. They also requested the Co-Chairmen of the SC to consult with the relevant SC Members and prepare a concrete plan for the political dialogue. Accordingly, the Co-Chairmen contacted the relevant SC Members on the sidelines of the 6th GA and submitted a report which is attached as *Appendix XI*.

It should further be noted that the 6th GA also endorsed this initiative in the Phnom Penh Declaration.

ICAPP-Sponsored Political Dialogue between India and Pakistan

At the 12th SC Meeting held in Kathmandu, the SC Members also took note with satisfaction of the recent resumption of talks between high-level government officials of India and Pakistan following the continued efforts by the ICAPP to promote party-to-party dialogue between the two countries.

In this regard, the Co-Chairmen of the SC sent letters, dated November 4, 2010, to H.E. Asif Ali Zardari, President of Pakistan and Leader of Pakistan People's Party (PPP), and H.E. Sonia Gandhi, President of Indian national Congress, and offered to help convene a political dialogue among representatives of major political parties, both ruling and opposition parties, of Pakistan and India on the sidelines of the 6th GA to promote negotiated settlements of all issues between the two great nations.

Accordingly, a meeting was held among the representatives of key political parties of Pakistan and India and the Co-Chairmen of the SC on the sidelines of the 6th GA, and they agreed in principle to convene a political dialogue among representatives of the major political parties of Pakistan and India under the auspices of the ICAPP at a third place in February 2011. They agreed to closely coordinate among themselves to prepare for a detailed plan for the dialogue in due course, including deciding on the exact time, venue and the agenda.

It should further be noted that the 6th GA also endorsed this initiative in the Phnom Penh Declaration.

Other Issues

The Members requested the Secretariat to continue its efforts to reach out to political parties in Africa with a view to convening a trilateral meeting among political parties in Asia, Latin America and Africa in the near future.

Appendixes:

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