Appendix VII-1:

Seoul Statement on launching the ICAPP Media Forum

We, the journalists from Azerbaijan, Cambodia, India, Iran, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Turkey, countries which are represented in the Standing Committee of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), gathered in Seoul, Republic of Korea, during September 16-18, 2015, together with the representatives of the leading political parties of their countries, and agreed to launch the ICAPP Media Forum (hereinafter referred to as the "Forum") and held the first meeting of the Forum, in accordance with the agreements reached at the 16th and 24th Meetings of the ICAPP Standing Committee held in October 2011 and March 2015 respectively.

Firstly, we welcomed the achievements made by the ICAPP since its inception in Manila in 2000 in bringing together, in regular fraternal assemblies and meetings, leaders of competing governing, opposition and independent political parties in Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, Central Asia, West Asia, Middle East and Oceania. We also acknowledged that the ICAPP has now become a positive political force to promote mutual understanding and friendship among Asian countries and peoples representing over 350 political parties in 52 countries in the region with diverse political and ideological backgrounds.

We confirmed our support for the ICAPP's efforts to enhance mutual trust and promote exchanges and cooperation among Asian countries through the unique role and channel of political parties, and create an environment for sustained peace and shared prosperity in the region. In this regard, we agreed that the main function of the Forum will be to help promote interaction between the ICAPP and peoples in the region through diversified and wide media coverage of the ICAPP activities, and to expand communication and cooperation between the ICAPP and the media. We also agreed that, in order to properly implement the said function, we need to meet regularly, preferably on the sidelines of main assemblies of the ICAPP, such as General Assembly, Standing Committee meetings or Special Conferences of the ICAPP, and expressed our hope to hold the 2nd Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum during the 9th General Assembly of the ICAPP to be held in Kuala Lumpur in September 2016.

At the first meeting of the Forum, we exchanged views, in particular, on how to support the ICAPP's efforts to build an Asian community. In this regard, we shared the view that the ICAPP activities need to be more focused on specific issues which are directly related to lives of the peoples in the region, such as poverty alleviation, environmental protection, women's empowerment, etc. We also strongly recommended the ICAPP to be more attentive to the need to reduce all forms of conflicts among countries in the region.

We expressed our hope that the ICAPP will continue to play a key role not only in building a cohesive community in Asia, but also in the global quest for a more peaceful and prosperous world. In this regard, we expressed our strong support for the ICAPP's efforts to reach out to other regions in the world, such as holding annual joint sessions with the COPPPAL, the

Permanent Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean, since 2009, and helping establish the CAPP, the Council of African Political Parties, in 2013. We also encouraged the ICAPP to establish contacts with organizations of political parties in Europe as well, and expressed our hope that the ICAPP will eventually develop into a global institution encompassing all political parties in the world regardless of differences in ideological orientations. In this regard, we welcomed the ICAPP's initiative to hold the first trilateral meeting among the representatives of the ICAPP, COPPPAL and CAPP in Indonesia in April 2016.

We also supported the ICAPP's bid for observer status in the U.N. General Assembly. We believe that the ICAPP can play a major role in forging cooperation between the United Nations and the political parties not only of Asia but also of other regions, by channeling to the U.N. system the views of our peoples in all their diversity, promoting public awareness and support of international agreements reached at the U.N., building international consensus on U.N. action to meet key challenges, and providing support for political parties to increase their capacity to carry out their law making at local and national level and oversight functions on matters subject to international cooperation at the U.N. In particular, the ICAPP, representing all leading political parties in Asia and in cooperation with their counterparts in other regions, will be able to make most critical contributions to implementing the new global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets through the year 2030, which are to be adopted at the U.N. Summit in New York during September 25-27, 2015.

Finally, we expressed our gratitude to the ICAPP Secretariat for hosting the 1st Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum under the theme of "cooperation to build an Asian community." We also extended our special thanks to the Korea Foundation, Hon. Park Won-soon, Mayor of Seoul and the ICAPP Parliamentarian's Union in the Korean National Assembly for their co-sponsoring the event and warm hospitality during our stay in Korea.

Adopted in Seoul, Republic of Korea on September 17th, 2015.

Appendix VII-2:

Program
for the 1st Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum on
"Cooperation to Build an Asian Community"
(Seoul, September 16-19, 2015)

Wednesday, September 16

afternoon **Arrival of Delegates**
- *Check-in* at The Plaza Hotel
(Address: 119 Sogong-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, Korea 100-864)

18:30 **Welcoming Reception** hosted by the ICAPP Secretariat
- *Venue:* Ruby Hall, 22F, The Plaza Hotel

Thursday, September 17

07:30-08:30 **Breakfast**
- *Venue:* The Seven Square, 2F, The Plaza Hotel

09:00 **Working Group Meeting**
- *Venue:* Maple Hall, 4F, The Plaza Hotel
- *Moderator:* Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the ICAPP
- Presentation on the ICAPP Activities by the ICAPP Secretariat
- Adoption of Terms of Reference of the ICAPP Media Forum
- Election of the Bureau of the ICAPP Media Forum
- Review of Draft Seoul Statement on the ICAPP Media Forum

10:50 **Group Photo Taking**

11:00 **Launching Ceremony of the ICAPP Media Forum**
- *Venue:* Ruby Hall, 22F, The Plaza Hotel
- *Opening Statement* by Hon. Hwang Jin-ha, Secretary General of the *Saenuri* Party, President of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the Korean National Assembly, and Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Media Forum
- *Opening Statement* by Hon. Carmen Pedrosa, Senior Columnist, Philippine Star, and Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Media Forum
- *Congratulatory Speech* by Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the ICAPP
- *Congratulatory Speech* by Hon. Cho Tae-yul, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of the Republic of Korea
- *Congratulatory Speech* by Hon. Kim Chang-gi, Chairman of the Board of *Shinyoung* Fund, *Kwanhun* Press Club, and CEO and Publisher/Executive Editor, *Chosun* Weekly and Monthly *Chosun* of The *Chosun* News Press

12:00 **Lunch** hosted by Hon. Cho Tae-yul, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of the Republic of Korea
- *Venue:* Ruby Hall, 22F, The Plaza Hotel

13:30-15:45	**Plenary Session** on cooperation between political parties and the media to build an Asian community - *Venue:* Maple Hall, 4F, The Plaza Hotel - *Chair:* Hon. Chung Eui-yong, on behalf of Hon. Hwang Jin-ha , Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Media Forum, and Hon. Carmen Pedrosa, Co- Chairperson of the ICAPP Media Forum
16:00	**Closing Session** - *Venue:* Maple Hall, 4F, The Plaza Hotel - Adoption of Seoul Statement on the ICAPP Media Forum
17:30	**Tour** of the National Assembly
18:30	**Dinner** hosted by ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the Korean National Assembly - *Venue: Sarangje*, National Assembly

Friday, September 18

08:00	**Breakfast**
09:00	**Depart** for Suwon by bus
10:00	**Tour** of Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd
12:30	**Lunch** hosted by Mr. Park Sang-jin, President of Corporate Relations, Samsung Electronics - *Venue:* Guest House, Samsung Electronics
14:00	**Depart** for Seoul by bus
15:30	**Tour** of Secret Garden, *ChangDeok* Palace, in Seoul
19:00	**Dinner** hosted by Hon. Park Won-soon, Mayor of Seoul - *Venue:* Maple Hall, 4F, The Plaza Hotel

Saturday, September 19

08:00	**Breakfast**
	Departure of Delegates

Appendix VII-3:

List of Participants
at the 1st Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum
(Seoul, September 16-18, 2015)

I. Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee

● Mr. Ramin A. Mammadov, Member of Political Council, New Azerbaijan Party, on behalf of Hon. Ali Ahmadov, Deputy Prime Minister of New Azerbaijan Party, Republic of **Azerbaijan**

● Hon. Tekreth Samrach, Secretary of State of the Office of the Council of Ministers, on behalf of Hon. Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers, and Member of the Standing Committee of the Cambodian People's Party, Kingdom of **Cambodia**

● Hon. Hwang Jin-ha, Secretary General of *Saenuri* (New Frontier) Party, and President of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the Korean National Assembly, *Saenuri* Party, Republic of **Korea**

● Hon. Kim Choon-jin, Member of Parliament, and Deputy President of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the Korean National Assembly, New Politics Alliance for Democracy, Republic of **Korea**

● Hon. Baigal Luvsanchultem, Advisor to Prime Minister and Chairman of General Control Committee, Democratic Party of Mongolia, **Mongolia**

● Hon. Mr. Ganbat Dashdondog, Deputy Chairman of Economic Policy Standing Committee, Economic Policy Advisor to the Chairman, Member of Economic Policy Standing Committee, Mongolian People's Party, on behalf of Hon. Chinbat Khishigt, Head of International Relations and Cooperation Department, Mongolian People's Party, **Mongolia**

● Mr. Min Kumar Shrestha, Chairman of Nepal Press Union, Morang Chapter and Karobar National Daily, on behalf of Hon. Sujata Koirala, Vice-Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Member of the Constituent Assembly, and Central Committee Member and Head of International Department of the Nepali Congress Party, Federal Democratic Republic of **Nepal**

● Hon. Anoma Gamage, Member of Parliament and Deputy Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Gas, on behalf of Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries and National Organizer of the United National Party of Sri Lanka, **Sri Lanka**

● Ms. Zeynep Kandur, İstanbul Provincial Administration Board Member, Foreign Affairs Department, on behalf of Hon. Yasin Aktay, Vice Chairman in charge of Foreign Affairs, Justice and Development Party (AK Party), Republic of **Turkey**

● Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Secretary General, **ICAPP Secretariat**

II. Journalists

● Mr. Shahin Jafarov, Representative of AZERTAG Agency in China, New Azerbaijan Party, **Azerbaijan**

● Mr. Long Kosal, Journalist and Director of Department, APSARA National Authority, **Cambodia**

● Mr. Gaurav Vivek Bhatnagar, Former Deputy Editor, The *Hindu*, **India**

● Mr. Hassan Lasjerdi, Editor, *Tehran* Times, **Iran**

● Ms. Lee Dong-min, Editor for Foreign Language News, *Yonhap* News, **Korea**
● Mr. Kim Jin-kook, Chief Editor, Editorial Pages, The *JoongAng Ilbo*, **Korea**
● Mr. Oh Tae-kyu, Chief Editor, The *Hankyoreh* Daily News, **Korea**
● Mr. Ryu Kwon-ha, Executive Editor and Chief Operating Officer, Korea *JoongAng* Daily, **Korea**
● Mr. Oh Young-jin, Chief Editorial Writer, The Korea Times, **Korea**
● Mr. Kim Hoo-ran, Editorial Writer, The Korea Herald, **Korea**

● Mr. Munkhjargal Otgonbayar, Political Analyst, _____, **Mongolia**
● Mr. Ochirsukh Badarch, Vice Director, MNEC, **Mongolia**

● Mr. Gopal Khanal, Editor of Digital Paper, www.nepalforeignaffairs.com, **Nepal**
● Mr. Ram Prasad Dahal, Journalist, Image Television and The Rising Nepal (English Daily), **Nepal**

● Ms. Mariana Baabar, Diplomatic Editor, The News International (English Daily), **Pakistan**

● Hon. Carmen Pedrosa, Senior Columnist, Philippine Star, **Philippines**

● Mr. Suranga Lakmal Senevirathne, Media Consultant, United National Party, **Sri Lanka**

● Mr. Nopporn Wonganan, Deputy Editor of Bangkok Post, **Thailand**

● Mr. İbrahim Zahid Altay, Reader Representative, Daily Sabah&Sabah group, **Turkey**

III. Accompanying Delegates

● **Cambodia**
- Mr. Dim Sovannarom, Assistant to the Office of the Council of Ministers
- Ms. Hen Chandavy, wife of Hon. Dim Sovannarom

● **Mongolia**
- Ms. Geleg Uyanga, wife of Hon. Ganbat Dashdondog

IV. ICAPP Secretariat

● Ms. Park Hyun-ryang, Administrative Director
● Ms. Choi Jinah, Assistant to Secretary General of the ICAPP
● Ms. Lee Hye-ji, Program Officer

V. Special Guest from the Diplomatic Corps in Korea

● H.E. Ambassador Suth Dina, **Embassy of Cambodia**
● H.E. Ambassador Koro Bessho, **Embassy of Japan**
● H.E. Ambassador Raul S. Hernandez, **Embassy of Philippines**
● H.E. Ambassador Manisha Gunasekera, **Embassy of Sri Lanka**
● Mr. Chen Junjie, Counsellor, **Embassy of China**
● Mr. Roderico C. Atienza, First Secretary and Consul, **Embassy of Philippines**
● Mr. Theshantha Kumarasiri, First Secretary, **Embassy of Sri Lanka**
● Ms. Song YingYing, Third Secretary, **Embassy of China**
● Ms. Katano Momoko, Third Secretary, **Embassy of Japan**

VI. Special Guests from Korea

● Hon. Cho Tae-yul, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs
● Hon. Lee Kyu-hyung, Former Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Ambassador to China, Russia and Bangladesh, Members of the ICAPP Advisory Board
● Hon. Sun Nahm-kook , Deputy Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on behalf of Hon. Roh Kwang-il, Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Former Ambassador to New Zealand
● Hon. Ryu Kwang-sok, Former Ambassador to Singapore, Members of the ICAPP Advisory Board

VII. Special Guests from the Korean Media

● Hon. Kim Chang-gi, Chairman of the Board of *Shinyoung* Fund, *Kwanhun* Press Club, and CEO and Publisher/Executive Editor, *Chosun* Weekly and Monthly *Chosun* of **The *Chosun* News press**
● Mr. Ko Dae-young, Chairman, **KBS Business**
● Mr. Oh Jae-seok, Member of Directors, **EBS Board**
● Mr. Park Jun-sik, Deputy Director, Politics and Foreign Affairs Office, **KBS**
● Ms. Cho Bit-na, Correspondent of KBS, Covering Ministry of Foreign Affairs, **KBS**
● Mr. Kim Kyung-duk, Director of Camera Coverage, Covering Ministry of Foreign Affairs, **KBS**
● Ms. Lee Haye-ah, Staff Reporter, ***Yonhap* News Agency**
● Ms. Yoo Jee-hye, Staff Reporter, ***Joongang Ilbo***

● Mr. Song Sang-ho, Staff Reporter, **The Korea Herald**
● Ms. Hwang Ra-hyeon, Staff Reporter, **News1**

Appendix VII-4:

Terms of Reference for the ICAPP Media Forum

The ICAPP Media Forum will be composed of the following members:
(1) Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee
(2) Up to two journalists from each country which is represented in the ICAPP Standing Committee

The main function of the ICAPP Media Forum will be to promote communication, interaction and cooperation between international media and the ICAPP to build an Asian community, and to promote more interaction between the ICAPP and peoples in the region through more diversified and wider media coverage of the ICAPP activities.

The ICAPP Media Forum will elect two Co-Chairpersons, one from the ICAPP Standing Committee and one from media representatives, and four Vice Chairpersons, two from the ICAPP Standing Committee and two from media representatives. The terms of office will be two years each.

The meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum will be held regularly, at least once in two years, preferably back-to-back with either the General Assembly or the Standing Committee Meeting of the ICAPP.

Appendix VII-5:

List of the Bureau
of the ICAPP Media Forum

Co-Chairpersons of the ICAPP Media Forum

- Hon. Hwang Jin-ha, Secretary General of *Saenuri* (New Frontier) Party, and President of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the Korean National Assembly, *Saenuri* Party, Republic of **Korea**
- Hon. Carmen Pedrosa, Senior Columnist, Philippine Star, **Philippines**

Vice Chairpersons of the ICAPP Media Forum

- Hon. Tekreth Samrach, Secretary of State of the Office of the Council of Ministers, on behalf of Hon. Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers, and Member of the Standing Committee of the Cambodian People's Party, Kingdom of **Cambodia**
- Mr. Ramin A. Mammadov, Member of Political Council, New Azerbaijan Party, on behalf of Hon. Ali Ahmadov, Deputy Prime Minister of New Azerbaijan Party, Republic of **Azerbaijan**
- Ms. Lee Dong-min, Editor for Foreign Language News, *Yonhap* News, **Korea**
- Ms. Mariana Baabar, Diplomatic Editor, The News International (English Daily), **Pakistan**

Appendix VIII:

Signed Copy of the MOU

Memorandum of Understanding
on Cooperation to Support the Activities
of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties

The Participants to this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU"),

Recognizing the unique role which the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (hereinafter referred to as the "ICAPP") is playing to create an environment for sustained peace and shared prosperity in Asia by promoting exchanges and cooperation between political parties with various ideologies and thus enhancing mutual understanding and trust among the peoples,

Realizing that challenges in Asia can be more efficiently and effectively addressed if the political leaders of the region unite through dialogue by building mutual confidence and fellowship, by seeking political consensus through consultation and sharing of experiences, and by developing common political strategies, and

Wishing that the increased capacity of the ICAPP to aggregate and channel the views of the peoples in all diversity, as expressed in political debates and discussions at all dimensions, local, national and regional, will contribute to forging closer understanding and cooperation between the governments and helping them move forward to build a more peaceful, harmonious and prosperous region,

Have reached the following understandings:

Paragraph 1

The Participants will provide appropriate support that is available and possible within their capacity, for the activities and programs of the ICAPP, which include its General Assembly, Standing Committee meetings, Special Thematic Conferences, and other activities of its subsidiary bodies, such as the ICAPP Women's Wing and the ICAPP Youth Wing, etc.

Paragraph 2

The Participants will also provide appropriate support that is available and possible within their capacity, for the activities of the ICAPP Secretariat.

Paragraph 3

This MOU is not intended to create any legally binding obligations.

Paragraph 4

Other Governments whose political parties are members of the ICAPP can participate in this MOU, by submitting their intention in writing to the ICAPP Secretariat.

Paragraph 5

The ICAPP Secretariat, acting as a Depository for the MOU, will immediately inform the other Participants when a new Participant joins. The Depository will also keep the list of the Participants in this MOU as Annex A.

Paragraph 6

All Signatories have equal status.

Paragraph 7

Any differences arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU will be resolved through consultations and/or negotiations between the Signatories.

Paragraph 8

This MOU will come into effect on the date of signature, and will come into effect upon the new Participant when a majority of the Participants notifies the ICAPP Secretariat (or Depository), in writing, of their intention to approve such submission of intention to participate in this MOU. This MOU will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years, and will be automatically extended for further periods of five (5) years, unless terminated by the Participant giving six (6) months prior notice in writing to the other Participants. The Participants may, upon mutual consent, introduce amendments and additions to this MOU, which will come into effect in the same manner as the MOU. Such amendments and additions will form an integral part of this MOU.

Signed in Seoul on the twenty-sixth day of July, 2013, in the English language.

For the Government of the Republic of Korea
H.E. Mr. Kim Kyou-hyun, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs

For the Government of Kingdom of Cambodia
H.E. Mr. Chan Ky Sim, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

For the Government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
H.E. Mr. Tissa Wijeratne, Ambassasador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

For the Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh
Mr.Khandker Masudul Alam, Counsellor and Charge d'Affaires

For the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan
Mr. Ramzi Teymurov, Cahrge d'Affaires

For the Government of People's Republic of China
Mr. Feng Cuntai, Counsellor

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For the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Mr. Kazem Soltanahmade, Counsellor

For the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam
H.E. Mr. Toan Trong TRAN Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

For the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan
H.E. Mr. Dulat Bakishev, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

For the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal
H.E. Mr. Kaman Singh Lama, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

Appendix IX:

Report on the Results of the ICAPP Mission to the U.N.
(June 10-12, 2015)

Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the ICAPP, visited the U.N. headquarters in New York during June 10-12, 2015 and had meetings with representatives of 16 Member States and discussed the ICAPP's initiative to obtain observer status in the U.N. General Assembly (UNGA).

During the meetings, Mr. Chung stressed the following points to the representatives of the various missions:

a) The ICAPP has been a staunch supporter of the United Nations and its activities. The ICAPP Charter declares unequivocal commitment to the principles and objectives of the U.N. Charter. Furthermore, the U.N. Secretary General has showed strong support for the ICAPP activities by sending congratulatory messages to all major meetings of the ICAPP, including the General Assemblies and Special Conferences.
b) Against a backdrop of such developments, the ICAPP applied for observer status in the UNGA in 2011. The draft resolution *(A/C.6/68/L.3)* to invite the ICAPP to the work of the UNGA in the capacity of observer was co-sponsored by Cambodia, Japan, Nepal, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam and introduced at the 66th session in August 2011.
c) The consensus, however, was not reached on the resolution due to reservations expressed by the representatives of three Latin American countries. These representatives argued that the ICAPP did not meet the first of the two following requirements for UNGA's observers, as laid out in the UNGA's Decision 49/426 of December 9, 1994 which says "*Granting observer status will be confined to States and the Inter-governmental Organizations."*
d) There have been four exceptions to the criteria since the resolution was adopted in 1999, and, in consideration of the unique nature of the organization which is open to all political parties across political spectrum, the ICAPP deserves special consideration by Member States.
e) In the absence of consensus, the Chairman of the Sixth Committee concluded that consultations should continue and that the Committee should revert to the issue at a later stage. Under such circumstances, the representatives of the co-sponsors submitted on November 13, 2013 the following statement to the Chairman of the Sixth Committee: *"the co-sponsors of the draft resolution decided not to pursue the request for GA Observer status for ICAAP at this session, while reserving the right to present it at a future session."*
f) Since then, the ICAPP has sent its missions to the Latin American countries for extensive meetings with leaders of governing political parties, parliaments and governments. The leaders all agreed to ensure that their respective governments would make positive decisions in time for consensus at the next deliberations of the item in the UNGA.
g) In view of such developments, the ICAPP Standing Committee decided at its 24th Meeting held in March 2015 to recommend all the governments in the region to

include the item of granting observer status to the ICAPP in the provisional agenda for the 70th session of the UNGA.

h) The ICAPP will continue to play a key role not only in Asia's movement to build an Asian community, but also in the global quest for a more peaceful and prosperous world. Once granted observer status in the works of the UNGA, the ICAPP will forge closer cooperation between the U.N. and the political parties in Asia and in other continents by aggregating and channeling to the UN system the views of our peoples, promoting people's awareness and support for UN activities, and building international consensus on UN actions to meet global challenges.

i) In particular, the ICAPP could be an effective tool in delivering post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs) of the U.N., by strengthening the means of implementation and revitalizing the global partnership for sustainable development.

Meetings with Representatives of Member States which are represented in the ICAPP Standing Committee

Mr. Chung had separate meetings with H.E. Ambassador Oh Joon, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the UN, and H.E. Liu Jieyi, Permanent Representative of China to the UN. Both Ambassadors confirmed their support for the ICAPP's observer status in the UNGA.

Mr. Chung also had a meeting with Mr. Sergey Leonidchenko, Adviser of the Mission of the Russian Federation to the UN and informed him of the results of his recent visit to Moscow and the meetings with the senior government officials and political leaders. The Russian representative appreciated prior consultation with the ICAPP and confirmed that it would closely coordinate with the ICAPP Secretariat on the issue.

In addition, Mr. Chung invited representatives of all twenty-three Member States which are represented in the ICAPP Standing Committee to two separate working lunches, and the following representatives of eight Member States attended.

- Ms. Julia O'Brien, First Secretary of Australia
- Mr. Koteswara Rao Madimi, Counsellor of India
- Mr. Abbas Yazdani, First Secretary of Iran
- Mr. Haruka Sawada, Adviser of Japan
- Mr. Lee Ja-hyung, Counsellor of the Republic of Korea
- Ms. Ulziibayar Vangansuren, Counsellor of Mongolia
- Ms. Nang Phyu Sin Than Myint, First Secretary of Myanmar
- Ms. Nguyen Ta Ha Mi, Third Secretary of Vietnam

They all confirmed that their missions would support the reintroduction of the item of granting observer status for the ICAPP in the UNGA on the provisional agenda of the 70th session of the UNGA which will start in September 2015. They also said that they would provide all possible support to get the consensus on the item which would be taken up at the Sixth Committee in early October.

Mr. Chung, in particular, stressed the need for all twenty-three Member States, which are represented in the ICAPP Standing Committee, to demonstrate solidarity on this initiative by co-sponsoring the draft resolution, persuading some Members States which might express

reservations in the course of deliberations at the Sixthe Committee and taking floor during the deliberations at the Sixth Committee.

Meetings with Representatives of Latin American Missions to the UN

Mr. Chung also had meetings with the following representatives from three Member States from Latin America, which had expressed their reservations to the draft resolution to invite the ICAPP to the UNGA as an observer in the previous sessions.

- Ms. Fernanda Millicay, Minister Plenipotentiary of Argentina
- Ms. Tanieris Dieguez Lao, Third Secretary of Cuba
- Mr. Isaias Medina, Minister Counsellor of Venezuela

Mr. Chung also had a separate meeting with Ms. Alina Julia Arguello Gonzalez, Minister Counsellor of Nicaragua.

All four representatives appreciated the ICAPP's efforts to coordinate its activities with the U.N. programs and made clear that their governments do not have any objection to such efforts. They explained that the reservations of their governments on granting observer status to the ICAPP were purely on legal ground, and once again pointed out that, according to the U.N. Decision of 1994, observer status in the UNGA should be granted to inter-governmental organizations.

Mr. Chung informed them of the results of the visits by the ICAPP Mission to the four countries in 2014. He also said that the ICAPP had agreed with the COPPPAL to share the observer status, and eventually with the Council of African Political Parties (CAPP), such as by forming joint delegations to U.N. meetings once it is granted observer status.

The representatives of Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela responded that, although they have not yet received any clear instructions from their capitals, they would recommend their respective governments to give due consideration to the ICAPP's request.

The representative of Argentina, however, maintained that the position of her government on the issue of granting the ICAPP observer status in the UNGA would remain unchanged for the same reason. She, in particular, mentioned that her government's main concern was that granting observer status to the ICAPP would constitute a bad precedent for granting non-intergovernmental organizations observer status in the UNGA which might take contrary positions on the issue of *Malvinas* (*Falklands*) Islands in the UNGA against the position of the Argentinian government.

Meetings with Representatives of other key Members States to the UN

Mr. Chung also had meetings with the following representatives of the United States, Luxembourg which holds the Presidency of the European Union(EU), and Zimbabwe which holds the Presidency of the African Union(AU).

- Mr. John R. Arbogast, Counsellor and Legal Officer of the United States
- Mr. Olivier Maes, First Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative of Luxembourg, Presidency of the European Union

- Mr. Vusumuzi Ntonga, Minister Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe, Presidency of the African Union

The representatives of the EU and the AU said, although they should consult with other Members States in their regions, they didn't expect that any one of them would block the consensus during the deliberations at the Sixth Committee. The U.S. representative also confirmed that the U.S. would not block the consensus and requested the ICAPP Secretariat to provide information if there is any development in its efforts to obtain observer status.

Appendix X:

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General Assembly

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Seventieth session

Request for the inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda of the seventieth session

Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly

Letter dated 11 August 2015 from the representatives of Australia, Cambodia, Japan, Nepal, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and Sri Lanka to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We, the undersigned, have the honour to request, in accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion in the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly a supplementary item entitled "Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly".

The International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) was launched in Manila, the Philippines, in September 2000 to build bridges of political cooperation and to establish networks of mutual benefit among mainstream political parties in Asia, both ruling and in opposition. Over its first decade, ICAPP has grown steadily in both membership and influence. As of June 2015, ICAPP's membership has reached more than 360 eligible political parties in 52 States and 1 territory in Asia. After establishing fraternal linkages and cooperation with the Permanent Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean (COPPPAL) in 2008, ICAPP has also been undertaking efforts to reach out to the political parties in other continents, and successfully helped political parties in Africa establish the Council of African Political Parties (CAPP) in 2013.

So far, ICAPP has held eight General Assemblies: in Manila (2000), Bangkok (2002), Beijing (2004), Seoul (2006), Astana (2009), Phnom Penh (2010), Baku (2012) and Colombo (2014). These Assemblies have brought together the Asian continent's most prominent political leaders to search for ways of coexisting in a more peaceful, more democratic and more prosperous Asia. Its Standing Committee, made up of 35 leading political parties in 23 States, has met at least twice a year since 2004.

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ICAPP has also organized special conferences on key continental issues since 2008, such as those of minimizing political corruption (Seoul, 2008), strengthening state capacity (Kathmandu, 2009), easing mass poverty (Kunming, 2010), dealing with natural disasters (Kuala Lumpur, 2011), enhancing people's access to benefits of development (Nanning, 2011), promoting green development (Xi'an, 2013), promoting women's leadership (Seoul, 2013) and promoting regional economic cooperation (Vladivostok, 2015).

From its inception, ICAPP has been a staunch supporter of the United Nations and its activities. The first paragraph of the preamble of the ICAPP Charter, adopted in September 2006, declares the unequivocal commitment of ICAPP to the principles and objectives of the Charter of the United Nations. Representatives of the political parties that took part in the 6th General Assembly of ICAPP, in Phnom Penh in 2010, unanimously adopted a declaration endorsing the bid for observer status for ICAPP in the United Nations General Assembly. ICAPP is also coordinating with the Governments of other United Nations Member States in joint initiatives towards the same objective.

We believe that ICAPP can play a major role in forging cooperation between the United Nations and the political parties of Asia and those of Latin America and Africa in the future, the three continents of the emerging democracies, by aggregating and channelling to the United Nations system the views of the peoples in all their diversity, as expressed in political debates and discussions at all dimensions, local, national and continental, promoting people's awareness, approval and support of international agreements reached at the United Nations, and building international consensus on United Nations action to meet key global challenges. In addition, ICAPP can provide support for political parties in the emerging democracies and increase their capacity to carry out at local and national levels their law-making and oversight functions on matters subject to international cooperation at the United Nations.

Attached are a draft explanatory memorandum (annex I) and a draft resolution regarding inviting ICAPP to participate in the sessions and work of the United Nations General Assembly (annex II).

We have the honour to request that the present letter and its annexes be circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

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Annex I

Explanatory memorandum

Historical background

The International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) was launched by the leaders of 46 political parties of Asia in Manila in September 2000, to build bridges of political cooperation and to establish networks of mutual benefit among mainstream political parties in Asia, both ruling and in opposition. Since its inception, ICAPP has grown steadily in both membership and influence. As of the end of June 2015, the membership of ICAPP has reached more than 360 eligible political parties in 52 States and 1 territory in Asia.

So far, eight General Assemblies of ICAPP have been successfully held: in Manila in 2000, Bangkok in 2002, Beijing in 2004, Seoul in 2006, Astana in 2009, Phnom Penh in 2010, Baku in 2012 and Colombo in 2014, and they have brought together political leaders in the region to exchange opinions and communicate with each other and have helped strengthen unity among Asian States and propel Asia along the road towards stability and prosperity. The 9th ICAPP General Assembly will be held in Kuala Lumpur in September 2016.

The ICAPP Standing Committee, made up of 35 leading political parties in 23 States, has met at least twice a year since 2004. ICAPP has also been annually organizing special conferences on key continental issues since May 2008, such as those of minimizing political corruption (Seoul, 2008), strengthening state capacity (Kathmandu, 2009), easing mass poverty (Kunming, 2010), dealing with natural disasters (Kuala Lumpur, 2011), enhancing people's access to benefits of development (Nanning, 2011), promoting green development (Xi'an, 2013), promoting women's leadership (Seoul, 2013) and promoting regional economic cooperation (Vladivostok, 2015). Another special conference, on rebuilding the Silk Road, will be held in Beijing in October 2015.

Purpose

Article 1 of the ICAPP Charter, adopted at the 4th General Assembly, in September 2006, stipulates the objectives of ICAPP as follows:

(a) To promote exchanges and cooperation between political parties with various ideologies in Asia;

(b) To enhance mutual understanding and trust among the peoples and countries in the region;

(c) To promote regional cooperation through the unique role and channel of political parties; and

(d) To create an environment for sustained peace and shared prosperity in the region.

Organizational structure

Membership

Article 2 of the ICAPP Charter stipulates that the ICAPP "shall be open to all political parties in Asia with democratically elected members in the parliaments of their respective countries, which are Member States of the United Nations". It was agreed to extend an invitation to political parties in the Palestinian National Authority in an effort to render ICAPP activities more inclusive and representative of the diversities existing in the region, at the 5th Meeting of the Standing Committee, in June 2006.

At the 8th Meeting of the Standing Committee, in November 2008, it was further agreed to apply two criteria to political parties in Asia to be eligible for invitation to future ICAPP activities: (1) political parties which have more than 1 per cent of elected seats in their parliaments, or (2) political parties which have won more than 1 per cent of popular votes in their latest parliamentary elections, as certified and recognized by their national election commissions.

According to these criteria, there are more than 360 political parties in 52 States and 1 territory in Asia that are eligible to participate in ICAPP activities as of the end of June 2015.

General Assembly

According to Article 4 of the ICAPP Charter, a General Assembly is held once every two years on a rotational basis among its members, unless otherwise decided by the Standing Committee. And, in principle, the Assembly is held for three working days during the latter half of the year and is composed of an opening session, a plenary session and thematic committee meetings, special workshops on specific topics as approved by the Standing Committee and a closing session.

Standing Committee

According to Articles 9 and 10 of the ICAPP Charter, a Standing Committee, composed of the representatives of principal political parties of 23 countries in Asia, was established. The membership may be shared by up to two principal political parties from each country. Currently, the Standing Committee is composed of the representatives of the 35 leading political parties from 23 States representing different subregions of Asia, i.e. Central Asia, Northeast Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, West Asia and Oceania.

The Members of the Standing Committee serve for two years from the end of a General Assembly until the end of the following General Assembly. The Standing Committee makes decisions and lays out the procedures on issues regarding the organization of ICAPP meetings, including the General Assemblies and special conferences, as well as other issues regarding other ICAPP activities and programmes.

Since 2004, the Standing Committee has been meeting more than twice a year.

Secretariat

The Permanent Secretariat of ICAPP was established in Seoul, Republic of Korea, by a decision unanimously taken at the 10th Meeting of the Standing

Committee, in March 2009, and endorsed at the 5th General Assembly, in September 2009.

In accordance with Article 12 of the ICAPP Charter, the Secretariat executes such functions, among others, as (1) to maintain and update the list of political parties and the official website, (2) to provide necessary information and assistance to ICAPP members, and (3) to establish contacts and promote cooperation with other international or regional organizations.

Financing

Article 8 of the ICAPP Charter stipulates that the political parties hosting the General Assembly, shall bear the primary expenses of the General Assemblies. The primary expenses include logistical arrangements for the General Assembly, i.e. conference facilities, domestic transportation, etc. The primary expenses shall not include, inter alia, international transportation to and from the location of the General Assembly. For the purposes of holding the General Assembly, the political parties hosting the General Assemblies, may seek voluntary contributions from members of ICAPP and other organizations.

ICAPP activities, i.e. General Assemblies, Standing Committee Meetings and Special Conferences, are funded in principle by the political parties that host such events, which usually cover the costs of organizing conferences and minimum local accommodation for a limited number of representatives of political parties participating in the events.

At the 10th Meeting of the Standing Committee, in March 2009, it was agreed that the budget and personnel to implement the functions of the ICAPP Secretariat shall be initially provided by the host country. It was further agreed that the Standing Committee will continue to discuss issues relating to budget and personnel of the Secretariat. Since 2010, the Korea Foundation in Seoul has provided funding to support a part of the Secretariat activities. Other administrative budget items, including office maintenance and personnel costs, are covered by private donations.

Activities

General Assemblies

So far, eight ICAPP General Assemblies (GA) have been held. The 1st GA was held in Manila in September 2000 with representatives of 46 political parties from 26 countries, the 2nd GA in Bangkok in November 2002 with 77 parties from 35 countries, the 3rd GA in Beijing in September 2004 with 81 parties from 35 countries, the 4th GA in Seoul in September 2006 with 92 parties from 36 countries, the 5th GA in Astana in September 2009 with 63 parties from 33 countries, the 6th GA in Phnom Penh in December 2010 with 90 parties from 36 countries, the 7th GA in Baku in November 2012 with 60 parties from 30 countries, and the 8th GA in Colombo in September 2014 with 64 parties from 29 countries.

These Assemblies have brought together the Asian continent's most prominent political leaders to search for ways of coexisting in a more peaceful, more democratic and more prosperous Asia.

The 9th General Assembly is scheduled to be held in Kuala Lumpur in September 2016.

Special conferences

Special conferences and workshops have also been convened for ICAPP members on key challenges we are facing in the region, such as minimizing political corruption (Seoul, 2008), strengthening state capacity (Kathmandu, 2009), easing mass poverty (Kunming, 2010), dealing with natural disasters (Kuala Lumpur, 2011), enhancing people's access to benefits of development (Nanning, 2011), promoting green development (Xi'an, 2013), promoting women's leadership (Seoul, 2013) and promoting regional economic cooperation (Vladivostok, 2015).

In addition, two separate workshops on human trafficking have been held in Kathmandu in January 2014 and in Phnom Penh in April 2015.

ICAPP is preparing to host another special conference, on rebuilding the Silk Road and connecting the East and West, in Beijing in October 2015.

Relations with other organizations

Recently, ICAPP has been trying to reach out to other regions in the world. The first joint session was successfully held in Buenos Aires in July 2009 with COPPPAL, the Permanent Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean. And, after establishing fraternal linkages and cooperation with COPPPAL, ICAPP has been undertaking efforts to reach out to the political parties in Africa, and successfully helped political parties in Africa establish the Council of African Political Parties (CAPP) in April 2013. In this regard, ICAPP is planning to convene the first trilateral meeting of representatives of ICAPP, COPPPAL and CAPP in Jakarta in April 2016.

In addition, the ICAPP Standing Committee has recently decided to establish regular dialogue with various groups of political parties in Europe.

ICAPP will continue to play a key role not only in Asia's inevitable movement to build an Asian community, but also in the global quest for a more peaceful and prosperous world.

Issues relating to the character of ICAPP

Although ICAPP is not an intergovernmental organization per se, the following points with regard to its legal status should be well taken into consideration by the United Nations Member States:

(a) **ICAPP is unique in nature in that it is open to all political parties regardless of their political orientation**;

(b) **The political parties participating in ICAPP activities are either responsible for forming the governments in their respective countries and making the most of their policies**, or eligible to form future governments depending on the results of elections;

(c) **ICAPP has also been channelling to the United Nations system the results of their political debates at all levels, local, national and continental**, like submitting the Kunming Declaration on Poverty Alleviation, which had been

adopted at the special ICAPP conference in Kunming in July 2010, in time for the United Nations Millennium Development Goals summit held two months later;

(d) In addition, in recent years, **ICAPP has been in close cooperation with political parties in other regions, i.e. Latin America and Africa, with a view to form a global forum of political parties,** and, in the case of Latin America, ICAPP and COPPPAL have been holding annual joint sessions to coordinate their activities to promote United Nations objectives.

Intergovernmental memorandum of understanding on cooperation to support ICAPP activities

In recognition of ICAPP's role in bringing together all political parties to promote understanding and friendship among countries not only in Asia but also in Latin America and Africa, Governments of several countries in the region concluded an intergovernmental memorandum of understanding (MOU) to provide support for the activities of ICAPP in July 2013. So far, the Governments of Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Iran, Kazakhstan, Nepal, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam have signed the MOU.

Now, many more Governments, including Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand and Turkey, are in the process of completing their domestic procedures to sign the MOU.

Reasons for seeking observer status for ICAPP

From its inception, ICAPP has been a staunch supporter of the United Nations and its activities. The first paragraph of the preamble of the ICAPP Charter, adopted in September 2006, declares ICAPP's unequivocal commitment to the principles and objectives of the Charter of the United Nations. Representatives of the political parties that took part in ICAPP's 6th General Assembly, in Phnom Penh in December 2010, unanimously adopted a declaration that endorsed ICAPP's bid for observer status in the United Nations General Assembly.

ICAPP will play a key and continuing role not only in Asia's inevitable movement to build an Asian community, but also in the global quest for a more peaceful and prosperous world.

ICAPP can also play a major role in forging cooperation between the United Nations and the political parties not only of Asia but also of Latin America and Africa, the three continents of the emerging democracies, in the following areas:

(a) Aggregating and channelling to the United Nations system the views of our peoples in all their diversity, as expressed in political debates and discussions at all dimensions, local, national and continental;

(b) Promoting ordinary people's awareness, approval and support of international agreements reached at the United Nations and through United Nations programmes;

(c) Building international consensus on United Nations action to meet key global challenges; and

(d) Providing support for political parties in the emerging democracies, to increase their capacity to carry out at local and national levels their law-making and

oversight functions on matters subject to international cooperation at the United Nations.

In addition, the United Nations Secretary-General has been sending his video messages to all major programmes of ICAPP, including the opening sessions of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th General Assemblies of ICAPP, held in Astana, Phnom Penh, Baku and Colombo, and the ICAPP Special Conference on Poverty Alleviation, held in Kunming, and provided valuable contributions and guidance to the deliberations on the main themes of the conferences.

More detailed information on ICAPP can be found on its website at www.theicapp.org.

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Mr. Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister and Member of the Standing Committee of the Cambodian People's Party, Cambodia

Mr. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Special Rapporteur of the Standing Committee of ICAPP, and Secretary General of Pakistan Muslim League-Q, Pakistan

Other members of the ICAPP Standing Committee

Mr. Shane L. Stone, Former Federal President of the Liberal Party, Australia

Mr. Ahamdov Ali Javad, Deputy Chairman and Executive Secretary of the New Azerbaijan Party, Azerbaijan

Mr. Salah Ali Abdulrahman, Chairman of the Advisory Body of the Islamic National Menbar Society, Bahrain

Mr. Ai Ping, Vice Minister of the International Department, Central Committee of the Communist Party, China

Mr. Karan Singh, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Department of the Indian National Congress, India

Mr. Hossein Kashefi Vahdati, President of Iran Parties House, Iran

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Mr. K.P. Sharma Oli, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Head of the International Department of the Communist Party of Nepal (UML), Nepal

Mr. Konstantin Kosachev, Chairman of the International Affairs Committee of the State Duma and Deputy Secretary for International Policy and Interparty Relations of the Presidium of the General Council of the United Russia Party, Russia

Mr. Abdulkadir Emin Onen, Member of the Parliament and Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Justice and Development Party, Turkey

Mr. Vuong Thua Phong, Vice Chairman of the Commission for External Relations of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, Viet Nam

Annex II

Draft resolution

Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the International Conference of Asian Political Parties,

1. *Decides* to invite the International Conference of Asian Political Parties to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.

Appendix XI:

Report on the Results of the ICAPP Mission to the European Parliament (September 22-23, 2015)

Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman and Secretary General of the ICAPP, visited the European Parliament (EP) in Brussels, Belgium during September 22-23, 2015. Mr. Chung had meetings with leaders and representatives of the four leading groups of political parties in the EP, i.e. the EPP, S&D, ECR and ALDE. The list of the representatives of the four groups Mr. Chung met during his visit is as follows.

1. European People's Party (EPP, 217/751)
- Hon. Dr. Paul Rubig, MEP (Austria)
- Mr. Patrick F.P. Voller, Secretary of External Relations
- Mr. Romain Strasser, Head of the Human Resources Unit, Adviser for the Delegation for relations with the Korean Peninsula
- Mr. Thomas Benedikt Thaler, Head of Office for MEP Dr. Paul Rubig

2. Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D, 190/751)
- Dr. Zoltan Simon, Head of Unit for Development Policy and Human Rights in Africa, Asia and Oceania, and Senior Adviser on Middle East Peace Process
- Mr. Jorgen Siil, Political Adviser on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Unit
- Ms. Cecilia Gondard, Political Adviser, Global Progressive Forum (GPF)

3. European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR, 74/751)
- Hon. Ms. Helga Stevens, MEP (Belgium), Vice Chair of ECR and Co-Chair of Disability Intergroup

4. Alliance of Liberals and Democrats in Europe (ALDE, 70/751)
- Hon. Urmas Paet, MEP (Estonia), and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Estonia

At the meetings, Mr. Chung made a brief introduction on the history and recent activities of the ICAPP and explained that his main purpose of the visit to the EP is to establish regular contacts between the ICAPP and the groups of political parties in the EP. He discussed the possibility of establishing regular dialogue and promoting exchanges and cooperation between the ICAPP and the groups of European political parties, including cross-participating in each other’s major events as observers and coordinating each other’s activities to meet common challenges like climate change, terrorism, migration, etc.

In particular, Mr. Chung informed the European political leaders of the ICAPP’s recent efforts to reach out to political parties in other continents, like Latin America and Africa, and of its plan to hold the first trilateral meeting among the ICAPP Standing Committee, the COPPPAL Governing Body and the CAPP Executive Council in Bandung, Indonesia in April 2016, and expressed his hope that the groups of political parties in the EP would also participate in the meeting as observers.

The leaders and representatives of the groups of political parties in the EP welcomed and appreciated the initiative of the ICAPP to establish regular contacts with them, and responded

positively to the proposals and the invitations to attend the future ICAPP meetings as observers. They all said that, although they would need to consult with other leaders in their groups, there would be no problem for their groups in establishing regular contacts and promoting closer cooperation with the ICAPP.

During the meetings, an idea was emerged to form an "ICAPP-EU Political Forum (IEPF)" and hold the meeting of the IEPF on a regular basis either in Asia and Europe. The representatives of the all four groups in the EP responded positively to the idea. It was agreed that more detailed discussions on the idea will be made through further contacts between the ICAPP Secretariat and the representatives of the groups.

EPP representatives recommended that the ICAPP also establish regular contact with the International Democratic Union (IDU) and the Centrist Democrat International (CDI), and also expressed their interest in promoting trade and business, in particular among Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs), between Asia and Europe, and in cooperating to facilitate multilateral trade negotiations through the World Trade Organization (WTO).

S&D representatives recommended that the ICAPP also establish regular contacts with the Socialists International (SI) and the Party of European Socialists. They also said that the Global Progressive Forum (GPF), established in their group, could play a more proactive role in further promoting cooperation with the ICAPP. They also briefed their close relations with the SOCDEM (Socialists and Democrats) in Asia.

Hon. Helga Stevens, Vice Chair of the ECR, expressed her special interest in the activities of the ICAPP Women’s Wing, especially its fight against human trafficking, and hoped that the women politicians in Asia and Europe would form an alliance to meet their common challenges and proposed to coordinate their activities with the Women in Parliament (WIP) as well. Being one of the two deaf MEPs, Ms. Stevens also expressed her keen interest in promoting rights of the disabled in the world.

During his visit, Mr. Chung also met with Hon. Ahn Chong-gi, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the EU, and Hon. Vuong Thua Phong, Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to the EU and Former Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, and briefed them on the results of his meetings with the representatives of the political parties in the EP and requested their support and cooperation in establishing close cooperative relations between the ICAPP and European political parties.

Attached is the program of Mr. Chung's visit to EP.

Appendix XII-1:

Invitation Letter from the Central Election Commission of Azerbaijan

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Dear Mr.Chung Eui-yong,

The Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan presents its compliments to the International Conference of Asian Political Parties.

On behalf of the Central Election Commission, I'm honored to invite the International Conference of Asian Political Parties to observe the Elections to the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan to be held on November 1, 2015.

Please, find the enclosed registration form for international observers. The deadline to submit the filled out application forms is October 22, 2015.

Sincerely,

Mazahir PANAHOV

Appendix XII-2:

List of the ICAPP Mission

I. SC Members (6)

● Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Former Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Republic of the **Philippines**

● Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General, **ICAPP Secretariat**

● Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Defense, Secretary-General of Pakistan Muslim League-Q, and Special Rapporteur of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Islamic Republic of **Pakistan**

● Hon. Abdul Matin Khasru, Secretary for Legal Affairs of the Central Committee of Bangladesh *Awami* League, and Former Minister of Law, Justice and Placement Affairs, People's Republic of **Bangladesh**

● Hon. Tekreth Samrach, Secretary of State, on behalf of Hon. Sok An, Vice Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Member of the Standing Committee of Cambodian People's Party, and Deputy Prime Minister, Kingdom of **Cambodia**

● Hon. Vijay Jolly, Senior Leader of BJP, Advisor Global Political Affairs, GOPIO International, and President of Delhi Study Group, *Bharatiya Janata* Party (BJP), Republic of **India**