

**Conclusions  
of the 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee  
(Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, September 1-2, 2016)**

The 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting (hereinafter referred to as “the Meeting”) of the Standing Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the SC”) of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (hereinafter referred to as “the ICAPP”) was held at *Mahkota* Ballroom of Hotel Istana in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia under the auspices of the governing United Malays National Organization (UMNO) from 21:00 p.m. on September 1 until 01:30 a.m. on September 2, 2016. The Meeting was held prior to the 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (GA) which was also hosted by the UMNO from September 1 to 4, 2016.

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

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

**Preparations for the 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (GA) of the ICAPP**

***Report by the Organizing Committee of the 9<sup>th</sup> GA***

Hon. Dato Seri Shahidan Bin Kassim, Minister in the Office of Prime Minister and Member of Supreme Council of the UMNO, and Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 9<sup>th</sup> GA of the ICAPP welcomed the SC Members to Kuala Lumpur on behalf of His Excellency Dato Seri Haji Mohammad Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia, and Chairman of the National Front and President of the UMNO, and made a report on the state of preparations for the 9<sup>th</sup> GA. A total of 87 political parties from 35 countries in the region had confirmed their participation in the 9<sup>th</sup> GA, with observers from the Permanent Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean (*COPPPAL*) and the Council of African Political Parties (CAPP).

The program, list of participants, and conference procedures of the 9<sup>th</sup> GA are attached as *III-1, III-2 and III-3*.

***Election of the Bureau of the 9<sup>th</sup> GA***

The SC Members endorsed the draft list of candidates for the Bureau of the 9<sup>th</sup> GA, including one Chairperson and five Vice Chairpersons, which has been prepared by the Secretariat through prior consultation with the Organizing Committee in accordance with Article 7 of the ICAPP Charter. The list, which is attached as *Appendix III-4*, was submitted to the Plenary Session of the 9<sup>th</sup> GA for approval.

In this regard, it has been the tradition of the ICAPP to elect the Leader of the hosting political party as the Chairperson and nominate Vice Chairpersons among participants in the GA in a regionally balanced manner.

***Kuala Lumpur Declaration***

The SC Members reviewed the draft “Kuala Lumpur Declaration” which had been prepared and circulated by the Secretariat prior to the SC Meeting, and agreed to submit the first official draft during the Plenary Session I of the GA on September 2 to all participants for their comments and suggestions. The Kuala Lumpur Declaration was adopted at the closing session of the GA which was held on September 3, and is attached as *Appendix III-5*.

In addition, “Kuala Lumpur Statement on Advancement of Women’s Status in Asia” and “Kuala Lumpur Statement on Cooperation to Promote One Asia” were adopted at the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ICAPP Women’s Wing and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum respectively, which were held on sidelines of the 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly on September 2, 2016, and are attached as *III-6 and III-7* for the record.

In this regard, SC Members also agreed to nominate Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Special Rapporteur of the Standing Committee, as Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Kuala Lumpur Declaration following the tradition of the ICAPP. The list of other candidates for the Drafting Committee is attached as *Appendix III-4*.

#### ***Report on the ICAPP Activities to the 9<sup>th</sup> GA***

The SC Members reviewed the report on the ICAPP activities since the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> GA, held in Colombo, Sri Lanka in September 2014, which was prepared by the Secretariat, and agreed to submit it to the 9<sup>th</sup> GA.

The Report, which had been prepared as a separate publication by the Secretariat, was to be circulated to all participants in the 9<sup>th</sup> GA as Document No. ICAPP/9GA/003, and included brief results of the following activities of the ICAPP during 2014-16:

#### ***The 8<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the ICAPP***

1. Program
2. List of Participating Political Parties
3. Colombo Declaration (adopted at the Closing Session)

#### ***Meetings of the ICAPP Standing Committee***

1. 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the SC (Colombo, September 18-21, 2014)
2. 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SC (Kuala Lumpur, February 28-March 3, 2015)
3. 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SC (Beijing, October 15, 2015)
4. 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SC (Jakarta, April 22-24, 2016)

#### ***ICAPP Special Conferences***

1. Special Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation (Vladivostok, May 21-23, 2015)
2. Special Conference on the Silk Road (Beijing, October 14-16, 2015)
3. Special Workshop on Democratic Transition in Nepal (Kathmandu, February 15, 2016)

#### ***Activities of the ICAPP Women’s Wing***

1. Annual Meetings
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the ICAPP Women’s Wing (Colombo, September 19, 2014)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the ICAPP Women’s Wing (Baku, September 1-3, 2015)
2. Workshops on Human Trafficking
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop on Human Trafficking (Phnom Penh, April 28-30, 2015)

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop on Human Trafficking (Islamabad, March 11-13, 2016)
- 3. Bureau Meetings
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Bureau Meeting (Phnom Penh, April 28, 2015)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Bureau Meeting (Baku, September 1, 2015)
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Bureau Meeting (Islamabad, March 11, 2016)

#### ***Activities of other ICAPP Affiliated Groups***

1. ICAPP Youth Wing
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing (Colombo, September 19, 2014)
2. ICAPP Media Forum
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum (Seoul, September 16-19, 2015)
3. ICAPP Program for Disasters Assistance (IPDA)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Steering Committee of the IPDA (Kuala Lumpur, March 1, 2015)

#### ***Special Missions of the ICAPP***

1. ICAPP Mission to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Meeting of the COPPPAL and the 69<sup>th</sup> Session of the U.N. General Assembly (October 11-18, 2014)
2. ICAPP Mission to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the *GOLKAR* Party of Indonesia (October 27-29, 2014)
3. ICAPP-COPPPAL Joint Mission to Cuba and Venezuela (November 30-December 4, 2014)
4. ICAPP Mission to the 70<sup>th</sup> Session of the U.N. General Assembly (October 18-20, 2015)
5. ICAPP Mission to Monitor Parliamentary Elections in Azerbaijan (October 31-November 3, 2015)
6. ICAPP Mission to the Annual General Assembly of the governing United Malays National Organization (UMNO) of Malaysia (December 9, 2015)
7. ICAPP Mission to the 4<sup>th</sup> Youth Branch Statutory Congress of the Justice and Development Party (*AK Parti*) of Turkey (December 18-21, 2015)

#### ***Cooperation with Other Organizations***

1. 5<sup>th</sup> Joint Session between the ICAPP Standing Committee and the COPPPAL Coordinating Body and the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the ICAPP-COPPPAL Business Council (Mexico City, November 28-29, 2014)
2. 1<sup>st</sup> Trilateral Meeting between ICAPP, COPPPAL and CAPP (Jakarta, April 22-24, 2016)

#### ***Other Activities***

1. ICAPP's Bid for Observer Status in the U.N. General Assembly
2. Inter-Governmental Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation to Provide Support for ICAPP Activities

### **Issues relating to the ICAPP Standing Committee (SC)**

#### ***New Members of the SC***

The SC Members welcomed the following six new Members of the SC:

- Hon. Dr. Lee Hye-hoon, Member of the National Assembly and Former Member of the Supreme Council of the *Saenuri* (New Frontier) Party, who has replaced Hon. Hwang Jin-ha,
- Hon. Park Young-sun, Member of the National Assembly and Former Chairperson

and Floor Leader of *The Minjoo* (Democracy) Party, who has replaced Hon. Dr. Kim Sung-gon,

- Hon. Dr. Mehmet Mehdi Eker, Vice Chairman in charge of Foreign Affairs of the Justice and Development Party (*AK Parti*) and Former Minister of Food, Agriculture and Livestock, who has replaced Hon. Dr. Fatma Betül Sayan Kaya,
- Hon. Mukhtar Kul-Mukhammed, newly appointed First Deputy Chairman of the *Nur Otan* Party, who has replaced Hon. Askar Myrzakhmetov,
- Hon. Zheng Xiaosong, newly appointed Vice Minister of International Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC), who has replaced Hon. Chen Fengxiang, and
- Hon. Youssef Awad, Coordinator for Asia and Overseas, who was newly nominated by the Free Patriotic Movement Party of Lebanon

### ***Formation of the new SC***

In accordance with Article 9 of the ICAPP Charter, the SC Members agreed to invite the Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA) to the Standing Committee, and maintain other members of the SC to serve until the end of the 10<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (GA) to be held during the second half of 2018. They also agreed to maintain the two principal political parties from Thailand as special participants in the SC.

As the result, out of 23 countries, 14 countries, i.e. Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Thailand, will now be represented by two principal political parties in their respective countries in the SC, and the new SC is composed of 37 political parties from 23 countries. The updated list of the SC is attached as ***Appendix IV***.

### ***Election of the new Bureau of the SC***

The SC Members re-elected Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr. and Hon. Sok An as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the SC respectively to serve for two years until the 10<sup>th</sup> GA in accordance with Article 11 of the ICAPP Charter.

They also agreed to designate Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed as Special Rapporteur of the SC to serve for two years until the 10<sup>th</sup> GA in 2018.

They also agreed to designate Secretary General of the ICAPP as *ex officio* Co-Chairman of the SC and re-confirmed the nomination of Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Secretary General of the ICAPP as Co-Chairman of the SC, which was made at the 10<sup>th</sup> SC Meeting in Astana in March 2009.

### ***Future Meetings of the SC***

The SC Members agreed to hold the 28<sup>th</sup> SC Meeting in May 2017 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia and the 29<sup>th</sup> SC Meeting in Tehran, Iran in October 2017 respectively. The 28<sup>th</sup> SC Meeting will be co-hosted by the Mongolian People's Party and the Mongolian Democratic Party, and the 29<sup>th</sup> SC Meeting by the Islamic *Motalefeh* Party and the Iran House of Political Parties.

In this regard, Hon. Hassan Ghafouri Fard, Former Vice President of Iran, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Iran House of Political Parties, and Member of the Central

Committee of the Islamic *Motalefeh* Party of Iran, also confirmed the previous offer to host the ICAPP Special Conference on the Silk Road in Tehran back-to-back with the 29<sup>th</sup> SC Meeting.

And, Hon Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the SC and Secretary General, reported that the leaders of the ruling Mongolian People's Party offered to co-host, with the opposition Mongolian Democratic Party, the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing in Mongolia in July 2017, at a meeting during his visit to Ulaanbaatar during August 24-25, 2016.

## **Review of ICAPP Activities since 26<sup>th</sup> SC Meeting in April 2016**

### ***Report of the ICAPP Mission to the United Nations***

Mr. Chung Eui-yong, Secretary General, made a brief report on the results of his visit to the U.N. Headquarters during June 15-18, 2016. During the visit, Mr. Chung had meetings with representatives of 17 Member States and discussed the ICAPP's initiative to obtain observer status in the U.N. General Assembly (UNGA), which is to be deliberated at the Sixth Committee of the 71<sup>st</sup> session of the UNGA on October 10, 2016 according to the provisional agenda.

The report and program of Mr. Chung's visit are attached as *Appendixes V-1 and V-2*.

### ***Report of the ICAPP Mission to Iran***

It was also reported that an ICAPP mission visited Iran during July 11-13, 2016 at the invitation of the Iran House of Political Parties and the Islamic Motalefeh Party of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The ICAPP Mission was composed of Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General, Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Special Rapporteur of the Standing Committee and Chairman of the Senate Defense Committee of Pakistan, and Hon. Tekreth Samrach, Vice Chairman of the ICAPP Media Forum, Secretary of State of the Office of the Council of Ministers and Member of the Central Committee of the Cambodian People's Party, who participated in the mission on behalf of Hon. Sok An, Vice Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Deputy Prime Minister of Cambodia.

The ICAPP Mission had paid courtesy calls on the following political leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran and had discussions on how to further promote cooperation between political parties in Iran and the ICAPP.

- H.E. Ayatollah Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Chairman of the Expediency Council and Former President,
- H.E. Ali Larijani, Speaker of the Parliament,
- Her Excellency Shahindokht Molaverdi, Vice President and Minister for Women and Family Affairs,
- Hon. Hassan Ghafoori Fard, Chairman of the Iran House of Political Parties,
- Hon. Mohammad Nabi Habibi, Leader of the Islamic *Motalefeh* Party, and
- Hon. Ayatollah Araki, Secretary General of the World Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought (WFPIST)

The ICAPP Mission also had a meeting with Hon. Dr. Morteza Samadi, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, and requested for the support of the Iranian Government for the ICAPP's initiative in the U.N. General Assembly. Vice Minister Samadi expressed his appreciation to the ICAPP's role in promoting regional peace and cooperation, and said that there would be no difficulty for the Iranian Government in supporting the ICAPP's initiative in the U.N.

The report and program of the ICAPP mission to Iran are attached as *Appendixes VI-1 and VI-2*.

## **ICAPP Work Programs for 2016**

### ***ICAPP Special Conference on Migration and Refugees***

Hon. Afif Demirkiran, Vice Chairman of Foreign Relations Department, Justice and Development Party (*AK Parti*) of Turkey, who attended the SC Meeting on behalf of Hon. Mehdi Eker, Vice Chairman of the *AK Parti* in charge of Foreign Affairs, confirmed his party's offer to host the ICAPP Special Conference on Migration and Refugees in Turkey within 2016.

After exchanges of views on the venue and the time of the special conference, it was tentatively agreed to hold the special conference in Istanbul, Turkey during November 4-6, 2016. In this regard, the SC Members endorsed the tentative program and procedures of the conference as proposed by the Secretariat, which are attached as *Appendixes VII-1 and VII-2*.

Further details about the special conference will be prepared through consultation between the *AK Parti* and the Secretariat, and will be provided in due course.

### ***4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing***

The SC Members agreed to continue their efforts to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing by the end of 2016. In this regard, Bhutan, Kyrgyzstan and Lebanon have been suggested as possible venues for the meeting by several SC Members.

Mr. Chung Eui-yong, Secretary General, suggested that, if financial assistance can be arranged for the political parties in these countries, the Secretariat will contact some of them and help arrange the meeting. In this regard, Hon. Shahidan Bin Kassim, Chairman of the ICAPP Youth Wing, responded that the UMNO would consider the possibility of providing financial support to the hosting country for a small-scale meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing.

### ***1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Asia-Europe Political Forum***

The SC Members reconfirmed their agreement to support the initiative to convene the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF) by the end of 2016 between the ICAPP Standing Committee and the four groups of political parties in the European Parliament, i.e. the European People's Party (EPP), the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D), the European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR) and the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE).

In this regard, the SC Members agreed to request the *AK Parti* to consider hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the AEPF back-to-back or on the sidelines of the ICAPP Special Conference on Migration and Refugees to be held in Istanbul during November 4-6, 2016.. Mr. Afif Demirkiran of the *AK Parti* responded that he would discuss the possibility with the leaders of his party and inform their decision in due course through the Secretariat.

### ***1<sup>st</sup> Joint Session between the ICAPP and the APA***

Hon. Tekreth Samrach, Secretary of State in the Office of the Council of Ministers and Member of the Central Committee of the Cambodian People's Party (CPP), who attended the SC Meeting on behalf of Hon. Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister and Member of the Standing Committee of the CPP, reconfirmed his party's offer to host a Joint Session between the Standing Committee of the ICAPP and the Executive Council of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) in Phnom Penh, and proposed to convene the 1<sup>st</sup> Joint Session on the sidelines of the Plenary Meeting of the APA which is to be held in Phnom Penh during November 29 to December 1, 2016.

In this regard, the SC Members pointed out that they had agreed at the 26<sup>th</sup> SC Meeting in Jakarta in April 2016 to defer the joint session with the APA until a strong request is received from the APA with a concrete proposal for such a meeting in the future, or until there arises a strong need for closer coordination and cooperation between the ICAPP Standing Committee and the APA Executive Council to further promote ICAPP objectives and activities.

Mr. Tekreth Samrach agreed to closely coordinate with the ICAPP Secretariat and the APA Secretariat on the possibility of holding the 1<sup>st</sup> Joint Session in Phnom Penh during November 29 to December 1 this year, and inform the results in due course through the ICAPP Secretariat.

### **Other Activities of the ICAPP**

#### ***ICAPP's Bid for Observer Status in the U.N. General Assembly***

Mr. Chung Eui-yong, Secretary General, reported that the item on the ICAPP's bid for observer status in the U.N. General Assembly (UNGA) is to be deliberated at the Sixth Committee of the 71<sup>st</sup> session of the UNGA on October 10, 2016 according to the provisional agenda.

As was reported at the 26<sup>th</sup> SC Meeting in Jakarta in April 2016, the draft resolution to invite the ICAPP as U.N. observer had been co-sponsored by the governments of 10 Member States, i.e. Australia, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Nepal, Netherlands, Philippines and Sri Lanka, at the 70<sup>th</sup> session of the UNGA in 2015. And Mr. Chung reported that several more Member States, i.e. Iran, Malaysia, Mongolia and Pakistan, are expected to join the draft resolution as co-sponsors at the 71<sup>st</sup> session of the UNGA. In this regard, more governments of the countries in the region, in particular those countries which are represented in the SC, are requested to join the draft resolution as co-sponsors.

In addition, Mr. Chung also reported that during his visit to the U.N. Headquarters in June 2016, representatives of some Member States in the U.N. had expressed concerns about the

possibility of “abuse or misuse” of the privileges to be given to the ICAPP with the observer status. In this regard, the SC Members endorsed the “Guidelines for ICAPP’s Participation in U.N. Activities and Programs” as prepared by the Secretariat and agreed to circulate them to concerned Member States in the U.N., prior to the deliberations at the Sixth Committee on October 10, to ensure that there would be no such “abuse or misuse” of the privileges. The guidelines are attached as *Appendix VIII-1*.

Mr. Chung also reported that the Secretariat plans to send an ICAPP mission to the U.N. General Assembly on the occasion of deliberations at the Sixth Committee on the item of granting observer status to the ICAPP on October 10, 2016. The more detailed plan will be provided in due course to SC Members who may want to join the mission. He also circulated the memo prepared by the Secretariat on ICAPP’s Request for U.N. Observer Status for ready reference for SC Members, which is attached as *Appendix VIII-2*.

### ***Signing of the Inter-governmental MOU to Support ICAPP Activities***

Mr. Chung Eui-yong, Secretary General, reported that governments of several more countries, which are represented in the SC have recently indicated their willingness to sign the inter-governmental MOU to provide support for the activities of the ICAPP, which was first signed on July 26, 2013 and has so far been signed by the governments of 10 countries in the region, i.e. Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Iran, Kazakhstan, Nepal, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

In this regard, more governments of the countries in the region, in particular those countries which are represented in the SC, are requested to sign the MOU in the near future.

### ***Proposal for the establishment of the ICAPP Cultural Council***

Hon. Andrey Klimov, Deputy Chairman of the Committee on International Affairs of the Council of Federation (Senate) and Advisor to the Chairman of the Supreme Council of the United Russia Party, proposed to establish the ICAPP Cultural Council as discussed on the sidelines of the ICAPP Special Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation in Vladivostok in May 2015.

In this regard, Mr. Chung Eui-yong, Secretary General, suggested that, in order to make a new group under the ICAPP Standing Committee more sustainable and productive, it needs to have the well-prepared Terms of Reference (TOR) with clear mandate.

Mr. Andrey Klimov responded that the SC Members from Cambodia, China, Nepal and Russia will prepare the draft TOR and circulate it through the Secretariat until the next SC meeting.

### ***Proposal for the establishment of the ICAPP Economic Development Forum***

The SC Members reviewed the proposal submitted by Hon. Fadi Fawaz, Advisor for Development Affairs to Chairman of Future Movement Party of Lebanon, to set up a group of 100 leading businesses and 50 banks in Asia under the ICAPP Standing Committee which can provide financial assistance and advice for ICAPP activities, in continuation of his



suggestion at the 26<sup>th</sup> SC Meeting in Jakarta in April 2016. The proposal and draft list of leading corporations to be included in the group are attached as *Appendix IX-1 and IX-2*.

In this regard, the SC Members agreed that they would need more time to consider the proposal and continue to review the proposal.

### ***Proposal for Special Workshop or Seminar on Climate Change***

Since the 26<sup>th</sup> SC Meeting in Jakarta in April 2016, some SC Members have expressed their hope to have more in-depth discussions at the SC meetings on the issues relating to climate change which was identified as one of the two main challenges faced by all three continents at the 1<sup>st</sup> Trilateral Meeting among the ICAPP, *COPPPAL* and CAPP in Jakarta in April 2016.

In this regard, Hon. Andrey Klimov of the United Russia Party reminded the SC Members that, in the Jakarta Declaration on Trilateral Cooperation adopted at the 1<sup>st</sup> Trilateral Meeting, all participants had agreed “to urge their governments and parliaments to ratify immediately the Paris Agreement on Climate Change of 2016”, and proposed to hold a special workshop or seminar on the issues relating to climate change on the sidelines of the future SC meetings.

He expressed his hope that, through expanding cooperation among the SC Members on how to deal with the issues relating to the climate change, we can create more conducive environment for leaders of governments and political parties in the region to jointly cope with these challenges. He particularly emphasized that the SC Members could bring experts on climate change from their countries and share their experiences and best practices.

The SC Members welcomed the proposal and agreed to consider holding a special workshop or seminar on the sidelines of future SC meetings. And they requested the Secretariat to consult with the hosts of the future SC meetings on the possibility of including such a program in the future SC meetings.

### ***Proposal for the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Coordination Committee on Trilateral Cooperation***

Hon. Dr. Azhari Eltigani, Deputy Secretary General of the CAPP, made an offer to host the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Coordination Committee of Trilateral Cooperation in Khartoum, Sudan during the first half of 2017 to discuss the areas and scope of cooperation among the ICAPP, CAPP and the *COPPPAL*. Dr. Eltigani proposed that the Coordination Committee can be composed of a limited number of representatives from each organization, like around five each.

The SC Members welcomed the offer and requested the Secretariat to have further consultation with the CAPP Secretariat on how to organize the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Coordination Committee among the ICAPP, CAPP and the *COPPPAL*

## **Other Issues**

### ***Current Political Situation in Turkey***

Hon. Afif Demirkiran, Vice Chairman of Foreign Relations Department, Justice and Development Party (*AK Parti*) of Turkey, who attended the SC Meeting on behalf of Hon.

Mehdi Eker, Vice Chairman of the *AK Parti* in charge of Foreign Affairs, made a brief presentation on the current political situation in Turkey.

Mr. Demirkiran reported that the military coup of July 15, 2016 to overturn the democratically elected government, by bombing the government and parliament buildings, failed after causing many casualties, especially among innocent people. He said the coup attempt was condemned by all citizens, political parties and NGOs, and proposed to include a phrase in the Kuala Lumpur Declaration to condemn military coups as terrorism against democracy.

In this regard, the SC Members responded that any attempt to overturn democratically elected governments by military force is against the principles of the ICAPP, and agreed to include a phrase in the Kuala Lumpur Declaration, which condemns, in general terms, coup attempts against democracy and duly elected governments.

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