

**Conclusions
of the 31st Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee
(Moscow, Russian Federation, October 24)**

The 31st 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 in the Library Hall of the Radisson Royal Hotel in Moscow, from 20:30 to 22:30 on October 24. The Meeting was held prior to the 10th Meeting of the ICAPP General Assembly (hereinafter referred to as “the GA”), which was hosted by the United Russia Party on October 24-27, 2018.

The List of Participants and Annotated Agenda of the Meeting are attached as *Appendixes I-1 and I-2*.

The Meeting was chaired by Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founding Chairman and Chairman of the ICAPP SC, and Hon. Park Ro-byug, Secretary General of the ICAPP.

Preparations for 10th General Assembly of the ICAPP

Report by the Organizing Committee of the 10th GA

Hon. Jose de Venecia, Founding Chairman of the ICAPP, opened the 31st Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee by expressing deep thanks, together with all of the SC Members, to the leaders of the United Russia Party, particularly to Hon. Andrei Klimov of the United Russia Party, for the excellent arrangements made for the General Assembly Meeting. Hon. Jose de Venecia further noted the significance of Russia’s hosting of this General Assembly Meeting, considering Russia’s important geo-strategic position, spanning East and West, in particular with 60% of its landmass being in Asia.

Hon. Park Ro-byug, Secretary General of the ICAPP, joined in expressing his heartfelt appreciation to H.E. Boris Gryzlov Vyacheslavovich, Chairman of the Supreme Council of the United Russia Party, for the valuable part he played in the holding of the 10th GA, and the Russian side for their hard work and hosting of the Welcoming Reception on the arrival day of October 24, and drew special attention to the main meeting schedules.

Hon. Andrei Klimov welcomed the SC Members to Moscow and made a brief report on the status of preparations for the 10th GA along with an introduction of the official schedule. Hon. Andrei Klimov provided an overview of the programs relating to the 10th GA, including the visit to Victory Park in the morning of October 25, the meetings of affiliated bodies and the following topics:

- Four meetings, i.e. the 4th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum, 4th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing, 5th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing, and 3rd Trilateral Meeting among the ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP were held on the sidelines of the 10th GA on 25th and 26th of October.
- The following were the two topics for the agenda for the 10th GA as well as three subsidiary meetings:
 1. The role of political parties in reducing international tensions and combating extremism; and
 2. The importance of international inter-party cooperation in the formation and development of political, economic and social ties between states.

Secretary General Park Ro-byug informed the meeting of the total number of participants in the 10th GA and the topics for the 3rd Meeting of the Trilateral Meeting as follows:

- A total of 73 political parties from 39 countries among the ICAPP members in the region had confirmed their participation in the 10th GA, with Observers from the Permanent Conference of Political Parties of Latin America and the Caribbean (COPPPAL) and the Council of African Political Parties (CAPP).
- For the 3rd Trilateral Meeting, following the proposal from the COPPPAL and the CAPP, the following two topics were to be discussed.
 1. Processes of Integration, Interdependence and Cooperation; and
 2. Establishment of a mechanism through which the three organizations can monitor the cooperation.

The Program, the List of Participants, and the Conference Procedures of the 10th GA are attached as *Appendixes II-1, II-2 and II-3*.

Election of the Bureau of the 10th GA

The SC Members endorsed the draft list of candidates for the Bureau of the 10th GA, including two Chairpersons and five Vice Chairpersons, which had been prepared by the Secretariat through prior consultations with the Organizing Committee in accordance with Article 7 of the ICAPP Charter. It has been the tradition of the ICAPP to elect the Leader of the hosting political party as the Chairperson and nominate Vice Chairpersons from among participants in the GA in a regionally balanced manner.

The List of Candidates for the Bureau is attached as *Appendix II-4*.

Moscow Declaration

The Secretariat requested the SC members to present their opinions, if any, concerning the draft “Moscow Declaration” in which several SC members’ views and comments reflected. The SC members agreed to provide their suggestions to the host and the Secretariat by October 25. They also agreed to submit the official draft during the Plenary Session of the GA. The declaration was adopted at the Closing Session of the GA held on October 26.

SC Members also agreed to nominate Hon. Park Ro-byug, Hon. Andrei Klimov and Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, as members of the Drafting Committee of the Moscow Declaration following the tradition of the ICAPP. In this regard, those, including the members of the ICAPP SC, who wished to make some changes to the draft declaration, were requested to provide their views in written form to the Secretariat for its review and reflection.

The Moscow Declaration adopted on October 26th is attached as ***Appendix II-5***.

Reporting on the ICAPP Activities to the 10th GA

The Secretary General presented an outline of the report on ICAPP activities since the end of the 9th GA, held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in September 2016. The Secretariat prepared the Reports and the SC members agreed to submit them to the 10th GA.

The Report, as a separate publication, was distributed to all participants in the 10th GA and it was adopted at the 10th GA as Document No. ICAPP/10GA/003, presented brief results of the following activities of the ICAPP during 2016-18:

The 9th General Assembly of the ICAPP

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

Meetings of the ICAPP Standing Committee

1. 26th Meeting of the SC (Jakarta, April 22-24, 2016)
2. 27th Meeting of the SC (Kuala Lumpur, September 1-2, 2016)
3. 28th Meeting of the SC (Seoul, July 7, 2017)
4. 29th Meeting of the SC (Tehran, February 2, 2018)
5. 30th Meeting of the SC (London, May 17, 2018)

ICAPP Special Conferences

1. Special Conference on Migration and Refugees (Istanbul, November 4-6, 2016)
2. Special Conference on the Silk Road (Tehran, February 1-4, 2018)

Activities of other ICAPP Affiliated Groups

1. ICAPP Women's Wing
 - 4th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing (Kuala Lumpur, September 2, 2016)
2. ICAPP Media Forum
 - 2nd Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum (Kuala Lumpur, September 2, 2016)
 - 3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum (Seoul, July 7, 2017)
3. ICAPP Program for Disaster Assistance (IPDA)
 - 4th Meeting of the Steering Committee of the IPDA (Kuala Lumpur, September 2, 2016)
4. Asia Europe Political Forum (AEPF)
 - 1st Meeting of the Asia Europe Political Forum (Seoul, July 7-10, 2017)
 - 2nd Meeting of the Asia Europe Political Forum (London, May 17-20, 2018)

Special Missions of the ICAPP

1. ICAPP Mission to Iran (Tehran, July 11-13, 2016)
2. ICAPP Mission to Monitor General Elections in Cambodia (Phnom Penh, June 2-5, 2017)

Cooperation with Other Organizations

1. 2nd Trilateral Meeting between the ICAPP, COPPPAL and CAPP (Tegucigalpa, November 23, 2017)

Other Activities

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

Issues Relating to the ICAPP Standing Committee (SC)

New Members of the SC

Hon. Park Ro-byug, Secretary General of the ICAPP, introduced four new members of the ICAPP Standing Committee.

The SC members welcomed the following four new members:

- Hon. Guo Yezhou, Vice Minister of the International Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, who will serve the remaining term as Vice Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, replacing Hon. Zheng Xiaosong;
- Hon. Cevdet Yilmaz, Chairman of Foreign Affairs of the Justice and Development Party (*AK Parti*) of Turkey, replacing Hon. Dr. Mehmet Mehdi

Eker;

- Hon. Motohiro Oono, Director General of International Affairs of the Democratic Party for the People (DPFP), replacing Hon. Hiroe Makiyama;
- Hon. Maulen Ashimbayev, First Deputy Chairman of *Nur Otan* Party of Kazakhstan, replacing Hon. Mukhtar Kul-Mukhammed.

According to the paragraph 1 of Article 11, the Vice Chairperson of the Standing Committee shall be elected by consensus among the members of the SC during the General Assembly to serve for two years until the following General Assembly is held. In this regard, it was agreed that Hon. Guo Yezhou will serve as the Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP SC for the remaining term, until the next General Assembly.

The updated list of SC Members is attached as *Appendix III*.

Future Meetings of the SC

1. The Secretary General informed the SC members of the following schedules for meetings in 2019, which the host countries have agreed to host:
 - The 1st Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC): ¹February 11-12, Phnom Penh, Cambodia (Cambodian People's Party);
 - The 3rd Meeting of the Asia Europe Political Forum (AEPF) and 32nd Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee: April 5-7, Colombo, Sri Lanka (United National Party). Two topics of (1) population and (2) business opportunities were proposed by Sri Lanka;
 - The 5th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing: June, Baku, Azerbaijan (the date is to be confirmed by the New Azerbaijan Party);

The AK Party of Turkey deferred confirmation of its proposal on hosting the 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing, in light of the upcoming local election in March 2019. Hon. Cevdet Yilmaz explained that the AK Party would further consider and confirm the date for the potential meetings of the ICAPP after the local election.

2. The Secretary General reported that it would be a valuable approach to hold the 4th Trilateral Meeting among the ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP in the Dominican Republic in 2019 as the Government of the Dominican Republic is going to hold the Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC) as well as the 37th Plenary Ordinary Session of the COPPPAL.

Preparations for Upcoming ICAPP Work Programs

¹ The date of the ACC Meeting was later rescheduled to 15-16 January 2019.

Special Workshop on Green Cities & Air Quality Improvement

Hon. Park Young-sun, Member of the ICAPP SC and Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, announced the plan to hold the Special Workshop on Green Cities & Air Quality Improvement in Seoul, Korea, on October 30 to November 2, 2018. She informed the meeting that the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), the Secretariat of the ICAPP and the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea would co-host the Workshop, generating a synergy effect.

Hon. Lee Hye-hoon, Member of the ICAPP SC and Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, reconfirmed her warm invitations to the SC members and informed them that the Special Workshop would be divided into four sessions, each having a respective theme to be discussed with experts:

- 1) Paris Agreement and Its Implications;
- 2) Green Cities;
- 3) Air Quality; and
- 4) Water Management and Sanitation.

The Secretary General of the ICAPP explained the following main points:

- 1) 37 participants from 13 countries have confirmed their participation in the Special Workshop on Green Cities & Air Quality Improvement, as of October 24.
- 2) The Program and the tentative List of Participants in the Workshop are attached as ***Appendixes IV-1 and IV-2***.
- 3) The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the ICAPP and the GGGI on Green Growth Cooperation that was to be signed between the ICAPP Secretary General and the GGGI Director General as an important step to assess the first collaborative meeting between the two organizations and to further strengthen cooperation. The MOU and the Statement for Adoption are attached as ***Appendixes IV-3 and IV-4***.

Establishment of Cooperation Agreement between UNESCO and the ICAPP

The ICAPP Secretary General delivered a brief report that the Cooperation Agreement between UNESCO and the ICAPP was approved by the Plenary Session of the Executive Board of UNESCO on 17th of October. Hon. Park Ro-byug, Secretary General of the ICAPP, expressed his sincere appreciation to the members of the ICAPP SC, for their unwavering support and great contribution and particularly China, the Philippines, the ROK, Iran, Pakistan, Cambodia, Indonesia and Vietnam, amongst others, for expressions of support at UNESCO meetings during the Executive Board Meeting, for the final adoption of the Agreement. The decision to establish the Cooperation Agreement between UNESCO and the ICAPP was successfully adopted

given the understanding and recognition of the values and importance of goals shared by the ICAPP and UNESCO.

The SC members welcomed and greatly appreciated the affirmation in the remarks by the Secretary General that UNESCO recognizes the ICAPP as an international organization. The SC members accepted their roles and activities as expected by UNESCO, in order to contribute to expanding the scope of cooperation for the Strategic Transformation of UNESCO by realizing the goals of UNESCO, strengthening regional cooperation and expanding interaction with National Commissions for UNESCO in member countries.

The SC members recognized the need to contribute to achieving more tangible outcomes and substantive progress with exemplary cases of cooperation such as that between the ICAPP and UNESCO. The SC members agreed that it would be advisable that it would be of value if the ICAPP takes practical and constructive actions to make further advances and carry out demanding tasks ahead, such as concrete cooperation in relevant areas such as education and science.

The Cooperation Agreement between UNESCO and the ICAPP is attached as *Appendix V*.

Amendment and Improvements to the ICAPP's Legal Instruments

Further to the mail previously sent to the members of the ICAPP Standing Committee dated August 30, the Secretary General of the ICAPP explained the need to strengthen the legal instruments of the ICAPP, based on advice of officials of the Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly as well as legal advisors. In this regard, Secretary General Park presented proposals for the amendment of the Charter. The draft document for the amendment of the Charter is attached as *Appendix VI*.

Hon. Park Young-sun, Member of the ICAPP SC of the Republic of Korea, expressed her support for the amendment. Hon. Guo Yezhou, Member of the ICAPP SC of China, stated that a certain amount of time is required for its further study, although he and the Communist Party of China greatly welcomed and appreciated the proposal. Hon. Theo Sambuaga, Member of the ICAPP SC of Indonesia, expressed his view that the collection of some membership fees would be desirable, if necessary, and expressed reservations with regard to the need for a new Executive Body.

It was decided to defer the decision to improve the legal instruments, taking into account the views of some that more time was required and there was a need for further in-depth discussions. The Secretary General asked the SC members to engage in a proactive review of this and to present constructive proposals on the amendment at a later date.

ICAPP's Cooperation with the UN

In accordance with the agreement at the 28th Standing Committee Meeting in 2017 concerning the approaches of the ICAPP to cooperation with the UN, the Secretary General recommended that the ICAPP members take a step-by-step approach, developing and accumulating exemplary action programs by the ICAPP members in practical cooperation with the UNESCO.

Against this backdrop, the SC members agreed that the ICAPP would consider the following diversified formats of cooperation with the UN, and requested the Secretary General to propose concrete ways and approaches to the ICAPP members in the near future.

- 1) Consultative partnership with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC); and / or
- 2) Observer status to be reviewed by the Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly.

Signing of the Inter-governmental MOU to Support ICAPP Activities

The Inter-governmental MOU on providing support for the activities of the ICAPP, which was first signed on July 26, 2013, has so far been signed by the governments of 11 countries in the region i.e. Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Iran, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Nepal, the Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

In this regard, more SC Members were kindly requested to talk with their respective governments to join the signing of the MOU in the near future.

Appendixes:

- I. 31st Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee***
 - 1. List of Participants***
 - 2. Annotated Agenda***
- II. 10th General Assembly of the ICAPP***
 - 1. Program***
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 - 4. List of Candidates for the Bureau***
 - 5. Moscow Declaration***
- III. Updated List of SC Members***
- IV. Special Workshop on Green Cities & Air Quality Improvement***
 - 1. Program***
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 - 3. MOU between the ICAPP and the GGGI***
 - 4. Statement for Adoption***

- V. *Cooperation Agreement between UNESCO and the ICAPP*
- VI. *Draft Amendment of the ICAPP Charter*

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