



**The 3rd Trilateral Meeting
among the ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP
(Moscow, Russian Federation, October 26, 2018)**



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Moscow Statement

1. We, the representatives of political parties of Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Africa, convened the third Trilateral Meeting among the Standing Committee of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), the Coordinating Body of the Permanent Conference of Political Parties of Latin America and the Caribbean (COPPPAL), and the Executive Committee of the Council of African Political Parties (CAPP) in Moscow, Russia on 25-27 October, 2018 under the main theme of “Process of Globalization, Integration, Interdependence and Cooperation.”
2. We reaffirmed the valuable roles that the three organizations have developed, considering that the ICAPP, launched in 2000, is an open forum for all political parties currently representing over 350 political parties in 52 countries in Asia; that the COPPPAL, founded in 1979, is a prominent and influential multilateral political forum currently comprising over 60 political parties in 29 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the CAPP, established in 2013, is the main political forum endorsed by the African Union, now representing 58 political parties in 38 countries in Africa. We also reconfirmed our commitment to the intent and spirit of the United Nations Charter for international peace and cooperation, which emphasizes fundamental human rights, sovereignty, territorial integrity and equality of all nations, non-interference in internal affairs, peaceful settlement of international disputes, and international justice. In this regard, we called on all political parties in our continents to further strengthen their roles in governments and parliaments to uphold these principles.

We also reiterated our common position of seeking to expand our cooperation and coordination, expressed in the Jakarta Declaration on the first Trilateral Meeting held in Jakarta, on 22-24 April, 2016 and joint statement on the Second Trilateral Meeting held in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, on November 23, 2017.

3. We noted the need to make further progress and maximize upon the great potential of the Cooperation Meeting among the ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP. We have shown that this meeting will continue to demonstrate its valuable role in advancing the process of cooperation, interdependence and integration in our three continents, taking into account positive achievements made at the first Trilateral Meeting in Jakarta in 2016 and the recent Meeting in Tegucigalpa in 2017.
4. We concurred on the creation of a commission to develop and monitor our cooperation, which was referred to in the Statement of the Second Trilateral Meeting issued in Tegucigalpa, Honduras on November 23, 2017. In this

connection, we agreed to establish an Executive Commission to closely coordinate our joint activities and programs in order to address common challenges to our peace and economic cooperation in the following ways.

5. We noted that, while increased interdependence among our three continents has brought about positive mutual benefits and advances with increased economic exchanges and communication, it has also produced some negative effects such as vulnerability of countries and people to transnational risks. We reaffirmed our measures for solid cooperation to address transnational threats such as violent extremism and terrorism.
6. We acknowledged the importance of trilateral cooperation among the three organizations to cope with such transnational threats while consolidating peace and security and realizing our full potential for development and prosperity.
7. We noted that to against the backdrop of rising unilateralism and protectionism in the world, need to enhance communication, coordination and trading system, adhere to free trade and defend the rule-based international trading system and world order. We agreed to identify and discuss the thematic items which will contribute to promote peace and economic benefits, based on multilateral approach and enhancing the status of youth and women.
8. We recognized the need to expand cooperation and interconnectivity through the Silk Road project in the various fields as part of sincere endeavors to promote peace an common prosperities.
9. We agreed to designate the ICAPP Secretary General in charge of the Common Secretariat to closely coordinate with the Secretariat of COPPPAL and the Secretariat of CAPP and to effectively develop program and projects through Trilateral Cooperation. We also supported launching of the Common Secretariat, taking into account our sincere desire to promote the process of peace building and reunification of the Korean Peninsula.
10. We recognized that while we are witnessing robust global growth in the midst of the trend of increasing interdependence among our three continents, there is a need for further endeavours to come up with measures to avoid a possibility of financial market stress, escalating trade protectionism and geopolitical tensions.
11. We also noted that a cyclical recovery is under way in most regions of emerging economies, achieving a substantial increase in exports, but financial market stress could arise as a result of escalating investor concerns about the credit worthiness of emerging and developing countries, particularly the increase of average corporate debt over the past decades.

12. We reaffirmed that one of the important objectives of the Trilateral Meeting is to enhance economic cooperation and promote integrative process in the global network devising structural economic and trade policies among our countries to ensure investment stability and trade expansion in the future.
13. We recognized that education plays an important role in empowering our people and promoting sustainable development. In this regard, we noted the importance of embarking on projects complementary to the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, which is promoted by UNESCO and the UN.

Adopted unanimously on October 26, 2018 in Moscow, Russian Federation

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