



**7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing**  
(Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, February 23-26, 2024)



**ICAPP/6YW/004**

**Ulaanbaatar Statement**

*“We say 'Yes' to Youth in Parliament”*

We, the youth representatives of 18 political parties from 12 countries, special participants, and observers, gathered in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, for the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing, following the six previous meetings in Kuala Lumpur (2012), Baku (2013, 2019), Colombo (2014), Moscow (2018) and Ulaanbaatar (2023). The Meeting was hosted by the Mongolian People's Party (MPP) from February 23 to 26, 2024, under the main theme of the “We Say 'Yes' to Youth in Parliament.”

We expressed serious concern about the difficulties faced by the youth in our region such as poverty, inadequate opportunities for education and employment, and multiple forms of social and political discriminations, that were further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, and reaffirmed our determination to work together to help overcome these challenges and bring a better future for ourselves. In this regard, we agreed to start building a network of communication among young people in the region to share our experiences in dealing with common and respective challenges.

We recognized that the collective voice and action of the youth always proved crucial in influencing the broad course of events, and highlighted the importance of strengthening the role of the youth in tackling the challenges they constantly face and participating in political institutions and decision-making processes.

In particular, we acknowledged the low rates of parliamentary involvement in most countries as shown in the latest U.N. data and the IPU report, and called for the political parties in our region to provide diverse institutional assistance, such as mentorship and leadership development programs, to young political aspirants to help increase their representation and involvement in parliamentary process and to ensure youth perspectives more integrated into key policy decisions.

We also resolved that the youth should equip themselves with the correct understanding of their place in history and society, and build their own capacity to engage in political process at all levels of decision-making. In particular, we reaffirmed our determination to actively explore broadening youth enfranchisement to further reflect their substantial voice or influence in policy formulations.

We extended our profound gratitude to the Mongolian People's Party for their generous hosting of the ICAPP Youth Wing meetings twice in a row in 2023 and 2024, and to the people and government of Mongolia for their warm hospitality. We were particularly grateful to His Excellency H.E. Luvsannamsrain Oyun-Erdene, Chairman of MPP and Prime Minister of Mongolia, Hon. Amarbayasgalan Dashzegve, Secretary-General of MPP, Minister of Mongolia and Chief Cabinet Secretary of Government of Mongolia, Hon. Zandanshatar Gombojav, Chairman of State Great *Hural* (Parliament of Mongolia), and Hon. Uchral Nyam-Osor, President of Social Democratic Youth of MPP, Minister of Digital Development and Communications and the Chairperson of the ICAPP Youth Wing, for their wholehearted support.

Adopted unanimously on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.