



**12<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the ICAPP  
and 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum  
(Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia, November 22, 2024)**



**Phnom Penh Statement**

We, representatives of eighteen political parties and journalists of fifteen media outlets from Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Türkiye, gathered in Phnom Penh, Cambodia for the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum, held on November 23, 2024, on the sideline of the 12<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) under the theme of “**Fighting Fake News in the Digital Age to Sustain Peace**”.

We expressed our grave concern about an explosion of misinformation and disinformation through new digital platforms in recent years, that are popularly referred to as fake news, and identified it as one of major sources of violence, hatred, racism, discrimination, and xenophobia, leading to political and social disturbances and disorder in many places around the world, and affecting international relations. We also believed that fake news is a significant threat to traditional journalism with news-trust sources, journalists and media outlets that follow strict codes of practice. In this regard, we agreed to focus our future collaboration on jointly developing a set of tools and frameworks to monitor, and effectively deal with, the wide-spread fake news which can quickly undermine our efforts to achieve a global vision for peace, stability and human advancement.

We also noted with concern that developments in generative artificial intelligence (AI) have also expanded the risks of fake news which requires us to continue to focus on anticipating and managing their unforeseen impacts. In this regard, we welcomed the United Nations’ initiative to develop a Code of Conduct for information integrity to create a healthier and more inclusive digital space, combatting the spread of fake news while upholding the principles of human rights, freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information.

In particular, in this era of digital transformation and with the rapid advancement of new technologies, we acknowledged the important role that the media plays in countering the spread of fake news. In this regard, we reaffirmed our continued commitment to capitalizing on our strengths and our enhanced media networks in our respective countries to combat fake news across the region.

We also confirmed our commitment to supporting the ICAPP’s goal of building an Asian community through the continued promotion of its ideals for peace and reconciliation.

We expressed our deepest gratitude to the Cambodian People’s Party and the ICAPP Secretariat for the excellent preparations of the meeting and the warm hospitality during our stay.

Adopted unanimously on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2024 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.