Appendix I:

Program of the 24th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee
(Kuala Lumpur, February 28 – March 3, 2015)

Saturday, February 28

p.m.	**Arrival** of Delegates - *Check-in* at One World Hotel (Address: First Avenue, Bandar Utama City Centre, 47800, Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Tel: +603-7681-1111/ 7712 2222 Fax: +603-7681-1188/ 7712-2388)
19:00	**Welcoming Reception** hosted by Hon. Dato' Seri Shahidan Kassim, Minister and Member of the Supreme Council, United Malay National Organization (UMNO) - *Venue:* Lavender Room, Level C

Sunday, March 1

07:30	**Breakfast** - *Venue:* Cinnamon Coffee House, Level C of the Hotel
09:30	**Opening Session of the 3rd Meeting of the Steering Committee of the ICAPP Medical Emergency Forum (IMEF)** - *Venue:* Topaz Ballroom, Level G **Opening Remarks** by Hon. Dato' Seri Shahidan Kassim, President of IMEF
09:45	**Keynote Speech** by Hon. Jose De Venecia, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee
10:00	**Gorup-photo Taking** **Press Conference**
10:15	**Coffee Break**
10:30	**First Session of the IMEF Steering Committee** - *Venue:* Orchid & Olive Room, Level C
13:00	**Lunch** hosted by UMNO - *Venue:* Cinnamon Coffee House, Level C
14:30	**IPDA Workshop**
14:45	**Speech 1** by Dato Dr Ahmad Faizal, Chairman of MERCY Malaysia
15:00	**Speech 2** by Mr. Ogu Salim bin Omar, Deputy Secretary of the National Security Council of Malaysia
15:15	**Speech 3** by Mr. Mousa Agha, Vice Chairman of Barzani Charity Foundation, Kurdistan
15:30	**Speech 4** by Dr. Ganesh Ambike, National Secretary General, Nationalist Youth Congress, India
15:45	**Speech 5** by Dr. Siegvrieda Lauwani, Head of West jakarta, The Indonesian Deomocratic Party-Struggle (PDI-P) Indonesia
16:00	**Speech 6** by Mr. Raghir Ershad, Advisor to Chairman of Jatiyo Party, Bangladesh
16:15	**Speech 7** by Mr. Du Yingkuk, Chief Engineer, Power China Beijing, China

16:30	**Speech 8** by Mr. Vishal Gurav, Member of Nationalist Youth Congress, India
16:45	**Coffee Break**
17:00	**Speech 9** by Mr Phatak Bharat, Member of the Central Committee, Rastriya Prajatantra Party, Nepal
17:!5	**Speech 10** by Mr. Chanusnan Kajornpuwapong, President of Be Greens Group, Thailand
17:30	**Conclusion Remarks** by Hon. Dato Seri Shahidan Kassim, Chairman of IPDA
17:45	**Presentation of Cetificate of Appreciation to Speaker** by Hon. Dato Seri Shahidan Kassim, Chairman of IPDA
18:00	**End of the Meeting**
20:00	**Dinner** hosted by UMNO - *Venue:* Topaz Ballroom, Level G

Monday, March 2

07:30	**Breakfast** - *Venue:* Cinnamon Coffee House, Level C of the Hotel
09:30-10:24	**First Session of the 24th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee** - *Venue:* Orchid & Olive Room, Level C **Opening Remarks** by Hon. Jose De Venecia, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee
10:33	**Group-photo Taking**
10:39	**Coffee Break**
11:00	**Second Session of the 24th SC Meeting**
13:07	**Lunch** hosted by UMNO - *Venue:* Cinnamon Coffee House, Level C
14:43	**Third Session of the 24th SC Meeting**
17:40	**Group-photo Taking**
17:49-16:02	**Press Conference** - *Venue:* Orchid & Olive Room, Level C
20:00	**Dinner** hosted by Hon. Dato'Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor, Secretary General of UMNO - *Venue:* Maple Cyprus Room, Level C

Tuesday, March 3

07:30	**Breakfast** - *Venue:* Cinnamon Coffee House, Level C of the Hotel
09:00	**Departure** from Hotel by bus
10:00	-Tour of Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM)
12:00	**Depart** to Menara Felda
13:00	**Lunch** hosted by Federal Land Development Authority (FELDA) - *Venue*: Menara Felda (Tower)
15:00	**Arrive** at Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC)
17:00	**Depart** to the Hotel / **Departure** of delegates

Appendix II:

List of Participants

I. SC Members (21)

● Hon. Shane L. Stone, AC PGDK (Sabah) QC, Assistant Chairman of the International Democratic Union and Former Federal President of the Liberal Party, Commonwealth of **Australia**

● Hon. Ms. Sevinj Fataliyeva, Member of Parliament, Chief of International Relations Department, on behalf of Hon. Ali Javad Ahmadov, Deputy Prime Minister and Deputy Chairman of *Yeni* (New) Azerbaijan Party, Republic of **Azerbaijan**

● Hon. Abdul Matin Khasru, Member of Parliament, Chair of Parliamentary Committee on Estimates of Bangladesh Parliament, and Legal Affairs Secretary of the Central Committee, Bangladesh *Awami* League, People's Republic of **Bangladesh**

● Hon. Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers, Member of the Standing Committee of the Cambodian People's Party**,** and Vice Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Kingdom of **Cambodia**

● Hon. Keo Puth Reasmey, Privy Councillor to the King of Cambodia and Chairman of the Supreme Council of FUNCINPEC Party, Kingdom of **Cambodia**

● Mr. Zhang Xuyi, Deputy Director General, Bureau of the International Department of CPC Central Committee (IDCPC), on behalf of Hon. Chen Fengxiang, Vice Minister of IDCPC, Communist Party of China, People's Republic of **China**

● Hon. Vijay Jolly, Senior BJP Leader, Advisor Global Political Affairs, GOPIO International, President of Delhi Study Group, *Bharatiya Janata* Party (BJP), Republic of **India**

● Hon. Iris Indira Murti, Chairperson of the International Cooperation Board, on behalf of Hon. Theo L. Sambuaga, Vice President, GOLKAR Party, Republic of **Indonesia.**

● Hon. Hassan Ghafouri Fard, Former Vice President of Iran, and Member of the Central Committee of the Islamic *Motalefeh* Party, the Islamic Republic of **Iran**

● Hon. Yukihisa Fujita, Member of the House of Councilors, Director-General of the International Department, Democratic Party, **Japan**

● Hon. Hwang Jin-ha, Chairman of the National Defense Committee of the National Assembly and President of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the Korean National Assembly, *Saenuri* (New Frontier) Party, Republic of **Korea**

● Hon. Kim Choon-jin, Chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee of the National Assembly and Vice President of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union, on behalf of Hon.

Kim Sung-gon, Member of the National Assembly, New Politics Alliance for Democracy, Republic of **Korea**

● Hon. Dato Seri Shahidan Bin Kassim, Minister in the Office of Prime Minister and Member of Supreme Council of the United Malay National Organization (UMNO), **Malaysia**

● Hon. Jhalanath Khanal, Senior Leader of the Communist Party of Nepal (UML), Former Prime Minister, on behalf of Hon. K.P. Sharma Oli, Chairman of the Communist Party of Nepal (UML), Federal Democratic Republic of **Nepal**

● Hon. Sujata Koirala, Vice-Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Member of the Constituent Assembly, and Central Committee Member and Head of International Department of the Nepali Congress Party, Federal Democratic Republic of **Nepal**

● Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Defense, Secretary-General of Pakistan Muslim League-Q, and Special Rapporteur of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Islamic Republic of **Pakistan**

● Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founding Chairman and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Republic of the **Philippines**

● Hon. Andrey A. Klimov, Member of Council of Federation (Senate), member of Presidium of the General Council United Russia Party, **Russian Federation**

● Hon. Yuksel Ozden, Member of Parliament, Justice and Development Party (*AK Parti*), Republic of **Turkey**

● Hon. Tran Dac Loi, Vice Chairman of the Commission for External Relations of the Communist Party of Vietnam, Socialist Republic of **Vietnam**

● Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Secretary General, **ICAPP Secretariat**

II. Special Participants (3)

● Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveesin, Former Thailand Trade Representative and Former Minister Attached to Prime Minister's Office, and Representative of the former *Pheu Thai* Party, Kingdom of **Thailand**

● Hon. Prakob Chirakiti, Former Member of Parliament, on behalf of Hon. Chamni Sakdiset, Former Member of Parliament, Democrat Party, Kingdom of **Thailand**

● Hon. Dr. Park In-sook, Member of the National Assembly, Deputy Floor Leader, and Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing, *Saenuri* (New Frontier) Party, Republic of **Korea**

III. Accompanying Delegates (33)

● Liberal Party, Australia (2)
- Mr. Julian Swinstead, Chief of Staff to Datuk Shane Stone
- Mr. Jack Stone, Executive Assistant

● Cambodian People's Party (6)
- Hon. Suos Yara, Member of Parliament, Vice-Chairman of the International Relations Commission of the Cambodian People's Party
- Hon. Tekreth Samrach, Secretary of State, Office of the Council of Ministers
- Hon. Soeng Reth, Advisor to Hon. Sok An, Office of the Council of Ministers
- Mr. Kong Chanveasna, Director of International Relations of the Office of the Council of Ministers
- Mr. Dim Sovannarom, Assistant to the Office of the Council of Ministers
- Mr. Sun Ly, Assistant to Hon. Sok An

● FUNCINPEC Party, Cambodia (1)
- H.H. Princess Norodom Reasmey Ponita, Assistant to Hon. Keo Puth Reasmey

● Communist Party of China (2)
- Ms. Jia Peng, Deputy Director of Bureau I of IDCPC
- Mr. Hu Xiaodong, Third Secretary of Bureau I of IDCPC

● GOLKAR Party, Indonesia (2)
- Ms. Dewi Paramatasari, International Cooperation Board
- Ms. Emmalia Natar, International Cooperation Board

● *Saenuri* (New Frontier) Party, Korea (4)
- Hon. Ahn Hong-joon, Member of the National Assembly
- Hon. Yoon Myung-hee, Member of the National Assembly
- Mr. Park Jin-ho, Chief of Staff for Policy of Defense and Foreign Affairs, and Director of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union
- Ms. Kim Dong-hyun, Deputy Director of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union

● New Politics Alliance for Democracy, Korea (2)
- Hon. Choo Mi-ae, Member of the National Assembly
- Hon. Min Hong-chul, Member of the National Assembly

● Communist Party of Nepal (UML) (2)
- Mrs. Ravi Lakshmee Chitrakar Khanal, wife of Hon. Jhalanath Khanal
- Mr. Rameshor Shrestha, Assistance to Hon. Jhalanath Khanal

● Nepali Congress Party (2)
- Hon. Ram Chandra Pokhrel, Member of the Constituent Assembly
- Mr. Rakesh Hamal, Executive Director, GP Koirala Foundation

● United Russia Party (3)

- Mr. Anton Pashkov, Adviser of International Relations Department, Assistant to Hon. Andrey Klimov
- Mr. Sergei Klimov, Deputy of Perm city Duma
- Ms. Natalia Klimova, Assistant to Hon. Andrey Klimov

● ***AK Parti*, Turkey (1)**
- Mrs. Semiha Ozden, wife of Hon. Yuksel Ozden

● **Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV) (3)**
- Mrs. Ho Thi Thanh Truc, Deputy Director of the General Department, Commission for External Relations of the CPV
- Mrs Nguyen Thi Minh Ly, Expert of the Southeast Asia-South Pacific Department, Commission for External Relations of the CPV
- Ms Tran Thi Kim Vinh, Expert of the General Department, Commission for External Relations of the CPV

● **Office of the ICAPP Founding Chairman, Philippines (1)**
- Mr. Aldwin Requejo, Assistant to Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr.

● **ICAPP Secretariat (2)**
- Ms. Choi Jinah, Assistant to Secretary General ICAPP
- Ms. Lee Seojin, Assistant to Secretary General ICAPP

IV. Observers (8)

● **Council of African Political Parties (CAPP) (2)**
- Hon. Mrs. Amira Elfadil, Deputy Chairman of Foreign Relation of the NCP, Republic of the **Sudan**
- Dr. Mohamed Said Jaber, Deputy Head of Asian Affairs Secretary of the NCP

● **ICAPP-COPPPAL Business Council (ICBC) (1)**
- Hon. Sheila Copps, Secretary General of ICBC

● **International Eco-Safety Cooperation Organization (IESCO) (2)**
- Dr. Jiang Mingjun, Director-General of IESCO, Chairman of the Ecological Committee of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)
- Mr. Yu Donghai, Assistant to the Director-General of IESCO

● **International Program for Disaster Assistance (IPDA) (2)**
- Hon. Datuk Raja Ropiaah Raja Abdullah, Chairman of IPDA Malaysia
- Ms. Wan Zawiyah Wan Halim, Special Officer to Hon. Dato Seri Shahidan bin Kassim

● **European People's Party (EPP) (1)**
- Hon. Cesar Rosello, Coordinator for Asia, Pacific and Latin America, Centrist Democrats International and EPP

Appendix III:

Annotated Agenda

I. Issues relating to the ICAPP Standing Committee

Expansion of the SC Membership

SC Members may recall that, at the 8th General Assembly held in Colombo in September 2014, a new paragraph was added to Article 9 of the ICAPP Charter as Paragraph 4, which reads, *"The membership in the Standing Committee may be shared by up to two (2) principal political parties from each country, which is invited to the Standing Committee, with equal status and responsibility."*

In accordance with this new paragraph in the ICAPP Charter, the GOLKAR Party of Indonesia agreed to invite the Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (*PDI-P*: *Partai Demokrasi Indonesia Perjuangan*), which is one of the two principal political parties in the country, to participate in the activities of the ICAPP Standing Committee as a new member.

As the result, 11 out of 23 countries in the ICAPP Standing Committee are represented by two principal political parties in their respective countries as of March 2015. These countries are Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka. In addition, due to the suspension of the activities of political parties in Thailand by the National Council of Peace and Order in May 2104, it was agreed to invite representatives of the formerly *Pheu Thai* Party and Democrat Party of Thailand to participate in the ICAPP activities, including SC meetings, as special participants. Thus, a total of thirty-five (35) political parties, including the two former political parties in Thailand, are currently represented in the ICAPP Standing Committee.

New Members of the SC

As was informed by the ICAPP Update 14-50 of October 22, 2014, Hon. Yukihisa Fujita, Member of the House of Councilors and the new Director General of the International Department of the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ), has replaced Hon. Kaname Tajima, Member of the House of Representatives and Director General of the International Department, as the new representative of the DPJ to the ICAPP Standing Committee as of October 17, 2014.

As was informed by the ICAPP Update 14-64 of December 8, 2014, Hon. Vuong Thua Phong, Vice Chairman for External Relations of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV), who has served as the representative of the CPV to the ICAPP Standing Committee, was appointed in November 2014 as the Vietnamese Ambassador to Belgium and Luxembourg and Head of the Vietnamese Mission to the EU. In this regard, Hon. Tran Dac Loi, Vice Chairman of the Commission for External Relations of the Central Committee of the CPV, has assumed the position of the CPV representative to the ICAPP Standing Committee as of December 1, 2014.

As was informed by the ICAPP Update 15-01 of January 12, 2015, Hon. Maithripala Sirisena, Minister of Health and General Secretary of Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP), who had

attended the 22nd and 23rd Meetings of the ICAPP Standing Committee as the representative of the SLFP, and also assumed the Chairmanship of the Organizing Committee of ICAPP's 8th General Assembly. Mr. Sirisena later ran as the opposition candidate in the presidential election, held on January 8, 2015, and was elected President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. In this regard, the SLFP nominated Hon. Dilan Perera, Member of Parliament and Assistant Secretary of the SLFP, as its representative to the ICAPP Standing Committee as of February 18, 2015.

As was informed by the ICAPP Update 15-03 of January 26, 2015, Hon. Chen Fengxiang, Vice Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (IDCPC), has been nominated on January 22 as the new representative of the Communist Party of China to the ICAPP Standing Committee. Hon. Ai Ping, Former Vice Minister of the IDCPC, is currently serving as Member of the 12th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and Vice President of the Chinese Association for International Understanding.

In addition, the Secretariat sent a formal letter to H.E. Megawati Sukarnoputri, Former President of Indonesia and President of the PDI-P on January 15, 2015, requesting to nominate PDI-P's representative to the ICAPP Standing Committee, through Dr. Andreas Pirera, Member of Parliament and Chairman of the International Cooperation Board of the *PDI-P*. However, the PDI-P is yet to respond to this request.

Future Meetings of the SC

SC Members may recall that, at the 23rd SC Meeting in Colombo in September 2014, the Indian National Congress Party had offered to host the 24th SC Meeting in New Delhi during the first half of 2015. However, this plan was cancelled due to some internal difficulties of the Indian National Congress Party. Later, the United Malay National Organization (UMNO) of Malaysia offered to host the 24th SC Meeting in Kuala Lumpur during March 1-2, 2015.

At the meeting with the ICAPP mission on October 27, 2014, the leaders of the GOLKAR Party of Indonesia offered to co-host with the *PDI-P* the 25th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee together in Jakarta in late October 2015. The report on the results of the ICAPP mission to Indonesia is attached as ***Appendix I.*** In this regard, representatives of the GOLKAR Party and the PDI-P are expected to make a presentation on the preparations for the 25th SC Meeting. Details on the 25th SC Meeting will be provided in due course.

SC Members, particularly from the countries that have not yet hosted SC meetings, are invited to consider hosting one of the future SC meetings in their respective countries.

II. Preparations for the 9th ICAPP General Assembly

Time and Venue

Recently, Hon. Dato Seri Shahidan Bin Kassim, Minister in the Office of Prime Minister and Member of Supreme Council of the UMNO, informed the Secretariat that the UMNO was willing to consider hosting the 9th General Assembly (GA) of the ICAPP in Kuala Lumpur in September 2016.

In this regard, Minister Shahidan Bin Kassim is expected to make the formal announcement on the UMNO's plan to host the 9th GA. The main theme and other details on the 9th GA will be provided in due course.

III. ICAPP Work Program for 2015

The following is the tentative work program of the ICAPP for 2015. The tentative work program, which was prepared and circulated in advance by the Secretariat, is attached as ***Appendix II***.

a. *24th Standing CommitteeMeeting (Kuala Lumpur, February 28-March 3)*
b. *2nd ICAPP Workshop on Human Trafficking (Phnom Penh, April 29-30)*
c. *ICAPP Special Conference on Regional Economic Integration (Vladivostok, May 21-23) (tbc)*
d. *2nd Meeting of the ICAPP-COPPPAL Business Council (Cambodia, _____)*
e. *4th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing (_____, July or August)*
f. *3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing (Baku, September 1-2)*
g. *25th Standing Committee Meeting (Jakarta, late October)*
h. *1st Trilateral Meeting among ICAPP, COPPPAL and CAPP (Jakarta, late October)*
i. *1st ICAPP-APA Joint Session (Phnom Penh, early December)*

IV. ICAPP Special Conference

The United Russia Party (URP) of the Russian Federation has recently offered to host the ICAPP Special Conference on Regional Economic Integration in Vladivostok, Russia during May 21-23, 2015. Hon. Dr. Andrey A. Klimov, Deputy Chairman of the Committee on International Affairs of the Council of Federation (Senate) and Chairman of the Committee on International Affairs of the URP, is expected to confirm the URP's offer and provide more information on the special conference, including its program. (tbc)

ICAPP Special Conferences have been held on specific topics since 2008. The following is the list of special conferences that have been convened so far.

a. *Special Workshop on Prevention of Political Corruption (Seoul, May 24, 2008)*
b. *Special Workshop on Nepal's Constitution (Kathmandu, June 22-23, 2009)*
c. *Special Conference on Poverty Alleviation (Kunming, July 13-20, 2010)*
d. *Special Conference on Natural Disasters and Environmental Protection (Kula Lumpur, May 5-7, 2011)*
e. *Special Conference on Development and People's Access (Nanning, September 2-6, 2011)*
f. *Special Conference on Peace and Reconciliation in Asia (Dili, Timor-Leste, April 25-26, 2012)*
g. *Special Conference on Promoting Green Development and Building a Beautiful Asia Together (Xi'an, May 29-31, 2013)*
h. *Special Conference on Women's Leadership and Empowerment (Seoul, September 12-14, 2013)*

In this regard, SC Members, particularly from the countries that have not yet hosted ICAPP special conferences, are invited to consider hosting one of the future special conferences in their respective countries.

V. Activities of the ICAPP-affiliated Bodies

ICAPP Women's Wing

a. Participation in the ICAPP Standing Committee

As was informed by ICAPP Update 14-45 of October 8, 2014, the ICAPP Women's Wing submitted the following two recommendations to the ICAPP Standing Committee after its 2nd annual meeting held in Colombo on the sidelines of the 8th GA in October 2014.

1) *to encourage both male and female politicians alike to actively participate in all meetings, including workshops, of the ICAPP Women's Wing, as men are often in responsible positions to take decisions on policies affecting women.*
2) *to request the ICAPP Standing Committee to invite representatives of the ICAPP Women's Wing to attend their future meetings for expanded coordination of the activities of the ICAPP Women's Wing with the Standing Committee.*

The letter from the ICAPP Women's Wing is attached as ***Appendix III***.

Since there has been no SC Member who expressed any negative view on the above recommendations, Hon. Dr. Park In-sook, Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing, was invited to the 24th SC Meeting as a special participant after consultation with other members of the Bureau of the ICAPP Women's Wing. In this regard, Dr. Park will make a report on the recent activities and the future plan of the ICAPP Women's Wing.

b. 2nd ICAPP Workshop on Human Trafficking

SC Members may recall that the *Bharatiya Janata* Party (*BJP*) of India had offered to host the 2nd ICAPP Workshop on Human Trafficking in New Delhi during January 22-25, 2015. It was, however, cancelled due to some internal difficulties of the *BJP*.

Later, the Cambodian People's Party offered to co-host with the *Funcinpec* Party of Cambodia the 2nd ICAPP Workshop on Human Trafficking in Phnom Penh during April 29-30. Accordingly, formal invitations have been sent to 50 political parties in 26 countries in the region. The concept paper and tentative program of the workshop are attached as ***Appendices IV and V.***

c. 3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing

The New Azerbaijan Party has recently offered to host the 3rd annual Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing in Baku, Azerbaijan during September 18-19, 2015. More detailed information on the meeting will be provided in due course.

ICAPP Youth Wing

It has been agreed to hold the meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing annually. And no political party has yet offered to host this year's annual meeting.

ICAPP Medical Emergency Forum (IMEF)

As was informed by ICAPP Update 15-04 of January 26, 2015, the UMNO, the host of the 24th SC Meeting, proposed to hold the 3rd Meeting of the IMEF Steering Committee in Kuala Lumpur on March 1st, prior to the 24th SC Meeting, in light of the epic flooding of December 2014, which affected around 200,000 people in the eastern states of Malay Peninsula. All SC Members have been invited to attend the meeting.

In this regard, the Secretariat has prepared, after consultation with the IMEF and the UMNO, a concept paper for more substantive and focused discussion at the 3rd Meeting of the IMEF Steering Committee on the background and the new Terms of Reference (TORs) for the IMEF, which is attached as ***Appendix VI.***

In this regard, Minister Shahidan Bin Kassim, Chairman of the IMEF, will make the report on the results of the IMEF Steering Committee meeting.

ICAPP-COPPPAL Business Council

At the 1st Meeting of the ICAPP-COPPPAL Business Council (ICBC) held in Mexico City during November 28-29, 2014, the participants adopted the Mexico City Statement and the Terms of Reference (TORs) of the ICBC, and elected the Bureau of the ICBC. The report on the results of the 1st Meeting of the Business Council is attached as ***Appendix VII***.

According to the TORs of the ICBC, the ICBC will be composed of Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee and the COPPPAL Coordinating Body, and business leaders recommended by them. The meeting of the ICBC will be held regularly, at least once in two years, alternately in Asia and Latin America on a rotational basis.

In this regard, a special meeting was hosted by Hon. Jose de Venecia, Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, in Manila during February 8-9. 2015, and attended by some members of the ICAPP Standing Committee and the COPPPAL Coordinating Body, and the Bureau Members of the ICBC. The participants in the meeting agreed to recommend to the Standing Committee to establish in the ICBC a Board of Governors (BOG) and the Secretariat to be headed by Secretary General. Recommendations made at the meeting on the ICBC are attached as ***Appendix VIII.***

Hon. Tan Sri Dr. Chen Lip Keong, Co-Chairman (ICAPP) of the ICBC will make the presentation on the above recommendations at the SC meeting regarding its future action plan for the endorsement of the SC.

In addition, the Cambodian People's Party has recently offered to host the 2nd Meeting of the ICBC in Cambodia during the first half of 2015. More detailed information on the meeting will be provided in due course.

Launching of ICAPP Media Forum

SC Members may recall that they agreed to establish the ICAPP Media Forum at the 16th SC Meeting held in Seoul in October 2011. They also agreed to nominate one journalist from each country to form a working group to discuss how to set up this forum. The main purpose of establishing the media forum was to promote more interaction between the ICAPP and the people in the region through more diversified and wider coverage of the ICAPP activities by the media.

In this regard, until now China and Nepal have nominated their journalists for the working group. Other SC Members are requested to nominate their journalists as soon as possible. They may also discuss how to launch the ICAPP Media Forum in the near future.

Launching of the ICAPP Committee on Climate Change

SC Members may also recall that they agreed to establish the ICAPP Committee on Climate Change at the 17th SC Meeting held in Baku in June 2012. They also agreed that each country nominate two representatives, including one alternate representative, for the committee.

So far, no SC Member has submitted the names of their representatives to the committee. In this regard, SC Members are requested to discuss how to launch the committee in the near future.

VI. Other ICAPP Activities for 2015

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

At the 23rd SC Meeting held in Colombo on September 18, 2014, SC Members agreed that the Secretariat should continue its efforts to obtain observer status for the ICAPP in the U.N. General Assembly (UNGA) through closer coordination with SC Members, the COPPPAL and the CAPP. They also agreed to dispatch ICAPP missions to the countries in Latin America that have expressed their reservations on ICAPP's application for the observer status at the 68th session of the UNGA in October 2013, and elsewhere, if necessary. SC Members also expressed their interest in including the item of granting observer status to the ICAPP in the provisional agenda for the 70th session of the UNGA, which is scheduled to start in September 2015.

SC Members also consented to strongly recommend governments of all countries in the region to demonstrate more actively their solidarity and support for the ICAPP's initiative in the UNGA.

In this regard, Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the ICAPP, visited the United Nations during October 16-18, 2014 after attending the 32nd Plenary Meeting of the COPPPAL held in Nicaragua during October 11-14, 2014, and met with Hon. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations. Secretary General Ban encouraged the ICAPP to continue its efforts to obtain observer status in the UNGA.

During his visit to the U.N., Mr. Chung also met with representatives of Argentina, Cuba and Venezuela to the U.N. All three representatives appreciated the ICAPP's efforts to coordinate its activities with the representatives of the relevant governments to the U.N. At the same time, they commented that their governments' reservations towards granting observer status to the ICAPP are purely on legal grounds. They, in particular, noted the UN Resolution of 1999, which specified that the observer status in the UNGA should be granted to intergovernmental organizations.

The report on the ICAPP Mission to Nicaragua and the U.N. is attached as ***Appendix IX***.

To continue the ICAPP's endeavors with regards to the application for the observer status in the UNGA, Mr. Chung also visited Cuba and Venezuela during November 30-December 4, 2014. Hon. Gustavo Caravajal Moreno, Deputy Chairman of the COPPPAL, accompanied Mr. Chung on these missions.

During the visit to Cuba, Mr. Chung and Mr. Caravajal had meetings with high level representatives of the Communist Party of Cuba (*PCC*), including Hon. Dr. Jose Ramon Belaguer Cabrera, Member of the Secretariat of the Central Committee and Head of the International Department, and Hon. Jorge Arias Diaz, Deputy Head of the International Department of the *PCC*.

In Venezuela, they had meetings with Hon. Yul Jabour, Chairman of the Permanent Commission of External Policies, Sovereignty and Integration of the National Assembly, representing the Communist Party of Venezuela (*PCV*), and Hon. Saul Ortega Campos, Former Chairman of the Commission, and Hon. Christian Tyrone Zerpa, Member of the Commission, representing the ruling United Socialist Party of Venezuela (*PSUV*). *PCV* is a coalition partner with the *PSUV.*

Leaders of both ruling parties in Cuba and Venezuela welcomed, and expressed their gratitude towards the visit by the joint ICAPP-COPPPAL mission. They promised to ensure their respective governments would make a positive decision in time for consensus at the next deliberations of the item in the UNGA. The report on the results of the ICAPP-COPPPAL joint mission to Cuba and Venezuela is attached as ***Appendix X***.

In this regard, SC Members are also requested to recommend their respective governments to co-sponsor the draft resolution to invite the ICAPP as an observer to the work of the UNGA. The draft resolution has been so far co-sponsored by Cambodia, Japan, Nepal, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

Signing of the MOU to Provide Support for ICAPP Activities

As was informed by ICAPP Update 14-54 of November 7, 2014, H.E. Mr. Dulat Bakishev, Ambassador of Kazakhstan to the Republic of Korea, signed the inter-governmental "Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to Provide Support for ICAPP Activities" on behalf of the government of Kazakhstan. Thus, the MOU, which was first signed on July 26, 2013, has now obtained nine signatories, including Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Iran, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

In this regard, SC Members from the countries that have not yet signed the MOU are requested to recommend again to their respective governments to sign the MOU in the near future. At the 23rd SC Meeting held in Colombo last September, SC Members reiterated their views that an increased number of signatories to the MOU would greatly reinforce the position of the ICAPP in its efforts to obtain the observer status in the UNGA.

VII. Cooperation with Other Organizations

Report on the 5th Joint Session between the ICAPP Standing Committee and the COPPPAL Coordinating Body

The 5th Joint Session between the ICAPP Standing Committee and the COPPPAL Coordinating Body was held in Mexico City during November 28-29, 2015.

Participants in the joint session, amongst other discussions, reaffirmed their commitment to promote inclusive democracy and agreed to join hands in meeting global challenges. In this conference, "poverty" and "climate change" were chosen as the two priority challenges to be jointly dealt with. Participants also agreed to further promote communication and collaboration between their Women's Wings and Youth Wings to come up with better strategies in dealing with common challenges such as education, health, employment and social justice.

In addition, the ICAPP-COPPPAL Business Council (ICBC) was launched during the Joint Session.

The Mexico City Declaration, which was adopted at the end of the Joint Session, is attached as ***Appendix XI***.

1st Trilateral Meeting among the ICAPP Standing Committee, the COPPPAL Coordinating Body, and the CAPP Executive Council

In the past, SC Members have been striving to further improve their cooperation and coordination of activities with different political parties in other continents. Such efforts are reflected through the annual joint meetings that the ICAPP Standing Committee has been holding with the COPPPAL Coordinating Body since 2009.

In this regard, at the meeting with the ICAPP mission on October 27, 2014, the leaders of the GOLKAR Party of Indonesia had offered to co-host with the *PDI-P* the 1st trilateral meeting among the ICAPP Standing Committee, COPPPAL Coordinating Body and the CAPP (Council of African Political Parties) Executive Council back-to-back with the 25th SC Meeting in late October 2015.

In response, participants in the 5th ICAPP-COPPPAL Joint Session welcomed the offer by the GOLKAR Party and the *PDI-P* of Indonesia to co-host the 1st Meeting among the ICAPP, the COPPPAL and the CAPP.

In this regard, some SC Members have recently expressed their views that the ICAPP activities should be more focused on interactions amongst the political parties within the

region. They have emphasized that their primary interest in participating in ICAPP activities is Asia-specific with their main objective of increased interconnectivity with other Asian partners.

Some SC members have also pointed out that the COPPPAL and the CAPP need to be more inclusive with region-wide participation of principal political parties. They also stressed the need to start planning for specific joint efforts in the areas of common interest and to work together for further institutionalization of the trilateral cooperation.

1st Joint Session between the ICAPP Standing Committee and the APA Executive Council

At the 9th SC meeting held in Islamabad in March 2008, SC Members first agreed to hold a joint session between the ICAPP Standing Committee and the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) Executive Council to explore ways to promote cooperation between the two organizations. However, due to lack of communication and coordination between the Secretariats of the ICAPP and the APA, a joint meeting has not yet been held.

At the 23rd SC Meeting held in Colombo last September, the Cambodian People's Party (CPP) offered to host the first joint session on the sidelines of the APA Plenary Meeting, which will be hosted by the CPP in Phnom Penh in early December 2015. In this regard, Hon. Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister and Member of the Standing Committee of the CPP, is expected to provide more detailed information, including the tentative program, on the plan to host the 1st ICAPP-APA joint session.

Proposal to hold a joint meeting with the European People's Party (EPP)

The Secretariat has recently received a proposal from the *Yeni* (New) Azerbaijan Party to consider holding a joint meeting between representatives of the ICAPP Standing Committee and the European People's Party (EPP) in Baku, Azerbaijan either in late 2015 or early 2016. The EPP is the largest group of political parties which are represented in the European Parliament. It has 78 member parties in 39 countries.

In this regard, there are six other political groups in Europe as follow:

- *Group of Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament,*
- *European Conservatives and Reformists Group,*
- *Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe,*
- *Confederal Group of the European United Left and Nordic Green Left,*
- *Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance, and*
- *Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy Group*

Sending ICAPP Mission to Monitor General Elections in Sudan

The Secretariat has recently received an official invitation from the Council of African Political Parties (CAPP) to send an ICAPP mission to the Sudan to monitor general elections to be conducted during April 13-15, 2015. Local accommodation in Sudan for the ICAPP mission will be provided by the CAPP. The invitation letter from the CAPP is attached as ***Appendix XII.***

VIII. Other Issues

Future of the ICAPP

Recently, some SC Members have suggested that it may be appropriate to begin discussions on the future of the ICAPP, expressing their wish to develop ICAPP into a more transparent, healthy, and sustainable organization.

They also suggested that a few important decisions regarding the future of the ICAPP could be made at the 9th General Assembly to be held in Kuala Lumpur in September 2016 after consultations among SC Members in the following SC meetings. Such decisions may include amendments to the ICAPP Charter to reflect the results of these consultations and the realistic and practical aspects of the operation and management of the ICAPP.

Some SC Members have also stressed the need for stricter adherence to the main principles of the ICAPP such as consensus-building and non-intervention in domestic affairs, which have been adopted and implemented by the ICAPP Standing Committee.

Attached are the ICAPP Charter as amended at the 8th GA last September and the major understandings reached at the SC meetings (***Appendices XIII and XIV***).

Other Issues

SC Members may raise any issues they wish under this item.

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I. Report on the ICAPP Mission to Indonesia
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Appendix IV:

Report of the ICAPP Mission to Indonesia
(October 27-29, 2014)

Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the ICAPP, visited Indonesia during October 27-29, 2014 to attend the official celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the GOLKAR Party of Indonesia, which was held at *Pekan Raya Jakarta* (PRJ) *Kemayoran* in the evening of October 28.

Meeting with the leaders of the GOLKAR Party

During his stay, Mr. Chung had a meeting with Hon. Aburizal Bakrie, Chairman of the GOLKAR Party, at his office on the 46th Floor of the Bakrie Tower in Jakarta on October 27, and discussed how to further promote cooperation between the ICAPP and the GOLKAR Party. The meeting was also attended by Hon. Theo L. Sambuaga, Deputy Chairman, and Hon. Ambassador Iris Indira Murti, Chairperson of the International Cooperation Board of the GOLKAR Party.

First of all, on behalf of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Mr. Chung extended to the GOLKAR Party most sincere congratulations on its golden anniversary and highest compliments on its contributions to establishing mature democracy and achieving remarkable economic development in Indonesia over the years under its leadership. He also expressed deepest gratitude to the GOLKAR Party for its strong support for, and active participation in, the ICAPP activities since its inception as one of the founding members.

Chairman Bakrie warmly welcomed and extended his gratitude for Mr. Chung's attendance in the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of his party on behalf of the ICAPP and also highly appreciated the role played by the ICAPP in bringing together all political parties in Asia across political spectrum for the common objectives of promoting cooperation and understanding among countries and peoples in the region.

Chairman Bakrie also welcomed the recent decision by the ICAPP to recommend each country which is represented in its Standing Committee to bring representatives of two principal political parties from each country, where applicable, to future activities of the Standing Committee. In this regard, he said that the GOLKAR Party had already invited the Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDI-P: *Partai Demokrasi Indonesia Perjuangan*), one of the two principal political parties with the GOLKAR Party, to attend the 23rd SC Meeting held in Colombo last September, but the PDI-P could not send its representative due to its National Convention which coincided with the SC Meeting.

Chairman Bakrie also readily accepted the ICAPP's request to host one of the future meetings of the ICAPP and offered to co-host the 25th SC Meeting in Jakarta in late October 2015 with the PDI-P. It was agreed that the exact dates and the venue for the meeting will be decided in due course through consultation with the Secretariat.

Chairman Bakrie also agreed to the proposal to host the 1st trilateral meeting among the ICAPP Standing Committee, the COPPPAL (Permanent Conference of Political Parties in

Latin America and the Caribbean) Coordinating Body and the CAPP (Council of African Political Parties) Executive Council. It was agreed that the trilateral meeting will be held back-to-back with the 25th SC Meeting. It was also agreed that the agenda for the trilateral meeting will be prepared in due course through consultation among the Secretariats of the ICAPP, the COPPPAL and the CAPP.

Chairman Bakrie also agreed to contact the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Indonesia to send its representatives to the first meeting of the Asian-Latin American Business Council to be held in Mexico City during November 27-29, 2014.

In addition, Chairman Bakrie supported the ICAPP's initiative to obtain observer status in the U.N. General Assembly, and promised to submit his recommendation to the Government of Indonesia to join the draft declaration to invite the ICAPP as an observer to the UNGA as a co-sponsor and also to sign the intergovernmental MOU to provide support for the ICAPP activities which have been so far signed by the governments of eight countries in the region.

Later, Mr. Chung had a more detailed discussion with the officials of the GOLKAR Party, including Ambassador Iris Indira Murti, and Hon. Rene F. Manembu, Deputy Treasurer General of the GOLKAR Party, tentatively agreed to hold the 25th SC Meeting on Friday, October 23 and the 1st ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP trilateral meeting on Saturday, October 24, 2015.

It was also agreed that a "Special Parliamentarian Seminar" will be held on the sidelines of the two events on a topic to be decided later through consultation between the ICAPP and the GOLKAR Party.

The GOLKAR Party also agreed that the hosts would provide local accommodation for up to two representatives from each participating political party in both meetings and the seminar.

Meeting with the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Mr. Chung had a meeting with Hon. Dr. Setya Novanto, newly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives from the GOLKAR Party, on October 28. Speaker Setya Novanto, who is also the Treasure General of the GOLKAR Party, welcomed the decision to hold the 25th SC Meeting and the 1st trilateral meeting among the ICAPP, COPPPAL and CAPP in Indonesia, and promised to provide all the possible support and assistance of the Parliament of Indonesia to make the two events most successful

Contact with the Representative of the PDI-P

Mr. Chung also contacted Hon. Dr. Andreas Pirera, Member of Parliament and Chairman of the International Cooperation Board of the PDI-P, on October 29, and informed the decision to invite the PDI-P to participate in the future activities of the ICAPP Standing Committee as a new member.

Dr. Pirera welcomed with gratitude the decision by the GOLKAR Party and the ICAPP to invite the PDI-P to join the ICAPP Standing Committee as a new member and confirmed that his party would participate in future activities of the ICAPP Standing Committee. Dr. Pirera also said he would recommend the leaders of his party to consider sending its representatives

to the fifth joint session between the ICAPP and the COPPPAL to be held in Mexico City during November 27-29, 2014.

Appendix V:

Tentative Work Program of the ICAPP for 2015

1. **24th Standing Committee**
   - venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
   - time: February 28-March 3
   - host: United Malay National Organization (UMNO)

2. **2nd ICAPP Workshop on Human Trafficking**
   - venue: Phnom Penh
   - time: April 28-30
   - co-hosts: Cambodian People's Party and Funcinpec

3. **ICAPP Special Conference on Regional Economic Integration**
   - venue: Vladivostok, Russia
   - time: May 21-23
   - host: United Russia Party

4. **2nd Meeting of the ICAPP-COPPPAL Business Council**
   - venue: Cambodia
   - time: _____
   - host: Cambodian People's Party

5. **4th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing**
   - venue: _____
   - time: July or August
   - host: _____

6. **3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing**
   - venue: Baku, Azerbaijan
   - time: September 1-2
   - host: New Azerbaijan Party

7. **25th Standing Committee and 1st Trilateral Meeting among the ICAPP Standing Committee, the COPPPAL Coordinating Body, and the CAPP Executive Council**
   - venue: Jakarta
   - time: late October
   - co-hosts: GOLKAR Party and Indonesian Democratic Party for Struggle (PDI-P)

8. **1st Joint Session between the ICAPP Standing Committee and the APA Executive Council**
   - venue: Phnom Penh
   - time: November
   - host: Cambodian People's Party

9. **Other Activities**
   - Mission to Latin America (first half of the year)

- Mission to Africa (first half of the year)
- Mission to the U.N. General Assembly (June and/or early October)

Appendix VI:

Proposal for ICAPP Special Conference
on "Russia for Asia: New Business Opportunities"

The United Russia Party (URP) with the cooperation of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) proposes to convene the ICAPP Special Conference on "Russia for Asia: New Business Opportunities" in Vladivostok during May 21-23, 2015. The conference will also be co-sponsored by the <<Eurasian Dialogue>>of the Russian parliamentary European club, and the Business Forum of the Government of the Primorskiy Region.

The conference will be attended by the Deputies in the Parliament, Senior Officials of the Government, regional authorities, as well as business leaders and experts from the Russian Federation.

Representatives of political parties in Asia will be invited together with business leaders from their countries. The URP will provide local accommodation for up to two representatives of each participating political part for up to three nights.

The conference will be conducted as follows:

Thursday, May 21

p.m.	**Arrival of Delegates**

Friday, May 22

a.m.	**Plenary Session**
p.m.	**Several Grouping of Roundtable Discussion**
evening	**Dinner** hosted by Governor of Primorskiy Region

Saturday, May 23

a.m.	**B2B Meeting and Wrap-up Session**
p.m.	**Cultural Program / Tour**
p.m.	**Departure of Delegates**

Following topics are suggested for roundtable discussion:
-Opportunities in Russia for Asian Business
-Role of Russia to promote regional economic cooperation in the fields of investment, trade, finance and science technology
-Linking Europe and Asia
-Exploring new possibilities for tourism

Appendix VII:

Letter to the General Secretary of the CPC

ICAPP

International Conference of Asian Political Parties

His Excellency Xi Jinping
President of the People's Republic of China,
General Secretary of the Central Committee
of the Communist Party of China (CPC)
Beijing, China

March 3rd, 2015

Excellency,

On behalf of the ICAPP Standing Committee, we extend our deepest congratulations for the continued economic development of China and its increasing role in the international community under your able leadership. With great interest and admiration, we have noted your unprecedented and far-reaching campaign against corruption as well as your tireless efforts for the rejuvenation of China for the pursuit of the "Chinese dream."

We also extend our most sincere gratitude for the contributions that the Communist Party of China has made to promote the cause of the ICAPP through its active participation and strenuous support for our activities. We hope to further strengthen the cooperation between the ICAPP and the CPC in the future.

At the 24th Standing Committee meeting of the ICAPP, which was held in Kuala Lumpur on March 2nd, we reached a consensus to request the CPC to consider hosting a special conference in the near future under the theme of "Reviving the Silk Road, Connecting the East and West: Corridors, Culture & Connectivity." We believe the objectives of this special conference would be perfectly compatible with the "One Belt One Road" policy Your

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Excellency proposed in September 2013, and would create synergies between the goals of the ICAPP and the development strategy of China.

Please accept, Excellency, assurances of our highest consideration.

José de Venecia
Founding Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee,
(Former Speaker of the House of Representatives)
Manila, Philippines

Chung Eui-yong
Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the ICAPP,
(Former Chairman of Foreign Relations Committee, Democratic Party)
Seoul, Korea

Sok An
Vice Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee,
Deputy Prime Minister of Cambodia and Member of the Standing Committee of the Cambodian People's Party
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

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Special Rapporteur of the ICAPP Standing Committee,
Chairman of the Senate Committee on Defense and Secretary-General of Pakistan Muslim League-Q
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Appendix VIII:

Letter from ICAPP Women's Wing

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Hon. Chung Eui-yong
Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee
and Secretary General of the ICAPP
Seoul, Republic of Korea

October 06, 2014

Dear Co-Chairman Chung,

First of all, I'd like to extend our most sincere congratulations to you, on behalf of the Bureau of the ICAPP Women's Wing, on the successful conclusion of the 8th General Assembly of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties which was held in Colombo during September 18-21, 2014. I also thank you for your strong support and assistance for the successful holding of the 2nd Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing on September 19.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to request the ICAPP Standing Committee to give favorable consideration to the following recommendations that we have agreed at the 2nd Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing, and have been reported at the closing session of the General Assembly by Hon. Mrs. Sudarshani Fernandopulle, Chairperson of the Meeting.

First, we agreed that it is of utmost importance to encourage both male and fanale politicians alike to actively participate in all meetings, including workshops, of the ICAPP Women's Wing, as men are often in responsible positions to take decisions on policies affecting women. Therefore, it is our sincere hope that the Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee would pay more keen attention to the future activities of the ICAPP Women's Wing.

Second, we also agreed to request the ICAPP Standing Committee to invite representatives of the ICAPP women's Wing to attend their future meetings for expanded coordination of our activities with the Standing Committee.

We look forward to hearing positive response from the ICAPP Standing Committee to the above requests.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

With warm regards,

Park In-sook
Member of the National Assembly,
Deputy Floor Leader of the Saenuri Party, and
Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing

Cc: Hon. Malahat Ibrahimqizi, Co-Chairperson, ICAPP Women's Wing, Baku, Azerbaijan

Appendix IX:

Concept Paper

Background

The ICAPP established its Women's Wing and convened the first meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan in April 2013. At the meeting, the ICAPP Women's Wing elected its bureau, which is composed of representatives of Azerbaijan, China, Iran, Republic of Korea, Nepal, Thailand and Turkey.

At the 2nd Bureau Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing held in Bangkok in June 2013, human trafficking and violence against women were identified as the two most urgent challenges for women in Asia.

At the 3rd Bureau Meeting held in Seoul in September 2013, it was agreed to convene the 1st ICAPP Workshop on Human Trafficking in Kathmandu, Nepal in January 2014. Representatives of 20 to 30 political parties in Asia with a keen interest in fighting human trafficking as well as experts from several international organizations that are directly involved with the issue were to be invited. It was also decided that the ICAPP Secretariat would provide administrative assistance to organize the workshop and help source financial support.

Accordingly, the 1st ICAPP Workshop on Human Trafficking was held in Kathmandu during January 16-18, 2014. The workshop was co-hosted by the five principal political parties in Nepal, i.e. Nepali Congress Party, Communist Party of Nepal (UML), Unified Communist Party of Nepal (UCPN-Maoist), *Madhesi* People's Rights Forum-Nepal and Communist Party of Nepal (CPN-Maoist). Conference expenses, including local accommodation for foreign participants, were sponsored by *Girija Prasad Koirala* Foundation of Nepal, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (*TIKA*).

Representatives of twenty political parties from Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines and Turkey participated in the workshop together with representatives of several governments and sixteen international, national and non-governmental organizations.

At the end of the workshop, the participants adopted the "Kathmandu Statement on Human Trafficking," in which they declared human trafficking as a major crime against humanity of such magnitude and atrocity that it cannot be dealt with successfully by any government alone. They also agreed to continue their deliberations on the issues relating to human trafficking within the framework of the ICAPP Women's Wing.

Objectives

At the 1st ICAPP Workshop on Human Trafficking, the following points were identified as main objectives for future deliberations on the issue of human trafficking:
(1) raising public awareness on seriousness and urgency;
(2) mapping trans-border networks of cooperation; and

(3) establishing a fast-track punishment system.

Plan for the 2nd ICAPP Workshop on Human Trafficking

At the Bureau Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee held in Phnom Penh during December 10-11, 2014, it was agreed to hold the 2nd ICAPP Workshop on Human Trafficking in Phnom Penh during April 28-30, 2015 as follows:

Tuesday, April 28
- Arrival of Delegates
- Welcoming Reception

Wednesday, April 29
- Registration
- Opening Session
- 1st and 2nd Plenary Sessions

Thursday, April 30
- 3rd and 4th Plenary Sessions
- Closing Session (Adoption of the "Phnom Penh Statement on Human Trafficking")
- Farewell Dinner

Friday, May 1
- Departure of Delegates
- Cultural Tour (optional)

It was also agreed that the 2nd workshop will be held back-to-back with the Senior Officials Meeting and Inter-Ministerial Meeting of the COMMIT, the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking, which was initiated in 2004 to combat human trafficking among Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. The ministers of the COMMIT will be invited to deliver keynote speeches at the 2nd Plenary Session of the workshop.

Also, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (*TIKA*) will co-sponsor the workshop.

Participants

As was agreed at the 3rd Bureau Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing, representatives of principal political parties of about 20 countries in Asia that are most affected by human trafficking will be invited.

Representatives of several governments and experts from international and non-governmental organizations will also be invited.

Outputs

The “Phnom Penh Statement on Human Trafficking" will be adopted at the end of the workshop. The draft statement will be prepared by the ICAPP Secretariat in consultation with

members of the Bureau of the ICAPP Women's Wing, and circulated before the beginning of the 2nd Plenary Session.

In addition, the final report, which will include copies of the major statements and speeches delivered by the participants, among other relevant documents, will be published by the ICAPP Secretariat.

Appendix X:

Tentative Program

Tuesday, April 28

p.m.	**Arrival of Delegates** - Check-in at *Sokha Hotel Phnom Penh*
19:00	**Welcoming Reception** hosted by the organizer - Venue: *Champa Terrace*

Wednesday, April 29

9:00-10:30	**Registration for Delegates** - Venue: *Champei Room*
9:30-10:30	Courtesy call on **His Excellency SOK AN**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers, by heads of delegations - Venue: _____
10:30-11:30	**Opening Session** - Venue: *Ball Room 3* - Opening remarks by **His Excellency SOK AN**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers
11:30-12:00	**Election of Chairpersons for plenary sessions and Group Photo Taking** - Venue: _____
12:00-14:00	**Lunch**
14:00-15:30	**First Plenary Session on Raising Public Awareness on Seriousness and Urgency** - Venue: *Champei Room* - Chairperson: _____
15:30-15:45	**Coffee Break**
15:45-17:15	**Second Plenary Session** - Venue: *Champei Room* - Chairperson: _____ - Remarks by Ministers of COMMIT Members: Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam
19:00-21:00	**Boat Tour along Mekong River**

Thursday, April 30

8:30-10:00	**Third Plenary Session on Mapping Trans-border Networks of Cooperation** - Venue: *Champei Room* - Chairperson: _____
10:00-10:15	**Coffee Break**

10:15-11:45	**Fourth Plenary Session on Establishing Fast-track Punishment System** - Venue: *Champei Room* - Chairperson: _____
12:00-14:00	**Lunch**
14:00-15:00	**Closing Session** - Venue: *Ball Room 3* - Reports on the results of the three plenary sessions - Adoption of "Phnom Penh Statement on Human Trafficking" - Closing remarks by **Her Excellency Men Sam An**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Assembly – Senate Relations and Inspection
15:00-18:00	**Free**
19:00-21:00	**Farewell Dinner** hosted by the organizer - Venue: *Chaktomuk Pool Side*

Friday, May 1

a.m.	**Departure of Delegates**
8:30-11:30	**Cultural tour (optional)**

Appendix XI:

Report on the Results of the 3rd Steering Committee Meeting of the ICAPP Medical Emergency Forum (IMEF) (Kuala Lumpur, March 1, 2015)

The 3rd Steering Committee Meeting of the ICAPP Medical Emergency Forum (IMEF) was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on March 1, 2015 as a follow-up to the 2nd Meeting, which was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on February 20, 2014, under the auspices of the United Malay National Organisation (UMNO). The IMEF, of which objective is to lead and mobilize relief efforts in Asia, was first initiated by Hon. Dato' Seri Shahidan Kassim, Minister in the Office of Prime Minister and Member of Supreme Council of the UMNO, in 2010. At the 3rd Steering Committee Meeting of the IMEF, 14 representatives of 14 political parties and NGOs delivered their experiences and ideas on how to circumvent environmental degradation.

At the 3rd Steering Committee Meeting of the IMEF, participants agreed to the new Terms of Reference (TORs) as follows:

1. New Name of the Group

The organization's name, formerly IMEF, was changed to ICAPP Program for Disasters Assistance (IPDA) to correctly represent the intended direction and scope of the group's activities. IPDA's activities include not only rescue and relief operations in the initial aftermath of natural disasters, but also long-term and wide-range assistance for rehabilitation and reconstruction to the affected regions and their residents.

2. Mandates of the IPDA

The following mandates were adopted for the IPDA:

a. immediate relief assistance to be rushed in the wake of emergency created by natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, typhoons, cyclones, forest fires, etc.

b. medium and long-term assistance for rehabilitation such as continued provision of medicine and medical personnel, counseling services, food rations, shelters, sanitary facilities, etc.

3. Core Activities of the IPDA

The following has been identified as core activities of the IPDA:

a. form and continuously update an emergency support network throughout Asia by maintaining contact information such as addresses, emails, phone and fax numbers of national units, NGO's and other regional and international organizations, including the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, etc.;

b. coordinate relief and rehabilitation efforts among all the players to ensure most timely

and proper delivery of assistance to the affected regions and people;

c. channel its relief and rehabilitation works with relevant programs carried out by the respective governments and related humanitarian organizations;

d. raise public awareness on the urgency of the circumstances caused by natural disasters through dissemination of information via all available channels;

e. hold regular workshops on disaster preparedness and risk reduction by sharing experiences and research outcomes among ICAPP members on disaster prevention, early warning, and timely and effective response.

4. Structure of the IPDA

a. The IPDA Steering Committee will be established to coordinate and oversee the activities of the IPDA. The Chairman of the IPDA and four members of the ICAPP Standing Committee, i.e. Chairman, Co-Chairman, Vice Chairman and Special Rapporteur, will be *ex officio* members of the IPDA Steering Committee. Other Standing Committee members who wish to make contributions to the work of the IPDA will also be invited to join the Steering Committee as its members.

b. The meetings of the IPDA Steering Committee will be held, in principle, on the sidelines of the ICAPP Standing Committee. Separate meetings may be convened, however, in the countries affected by disasters to more efficiently coordinate relief and rehabilitation activities.

c. The IPDA Secretariat will be established in Kuala Lumpur. IPDA-Malaysia will be in charge of implementing coordinated relief and rehabilitation activities for the regions and people directly affected by natural disasters. The Secretariat will also submit regular reports on its activities to the ICAPP Standing Committee.

d. Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee will be recommended to set up national units of the IPDA in their respective countries to coordinate relief and rehabilitation activities in disaster-affected areas in their countries with the IPDA Secretariat.

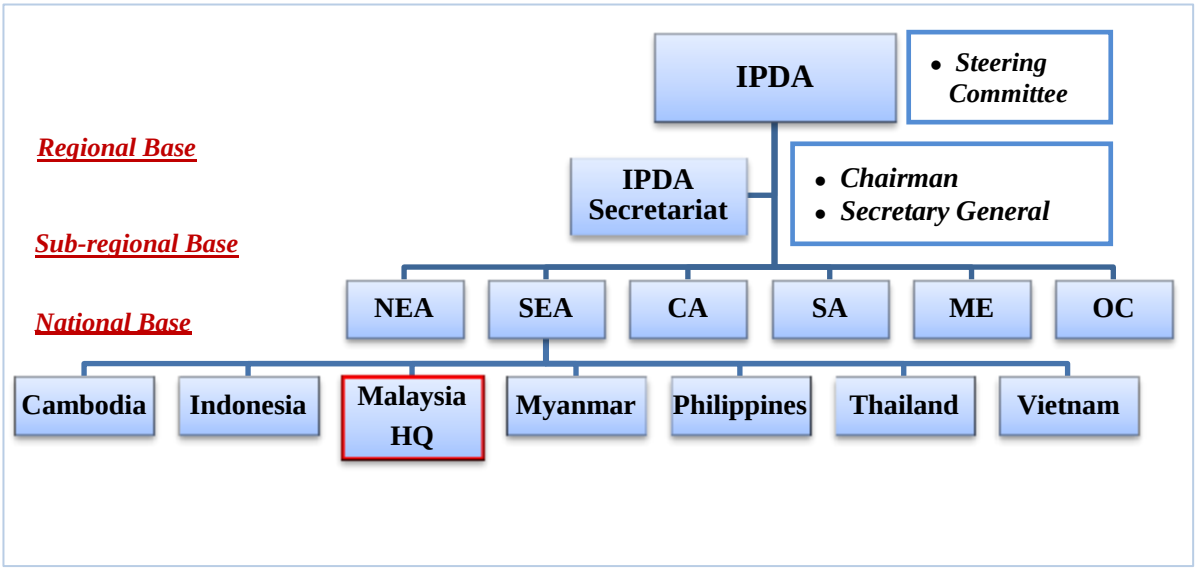
e. Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee may also consider designating one country as the sub-regional base of the IPDA in the six sub-regions, i.e. Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, Central Asia, West Asia, Middle East and Oceania, to facilitate sub-regional coordination and cooperation in times of emergency.

5. Recommendations for Immediate Actions by the IPDA

a. Rehabilitation efforts for the victims of typhoons and floods in the Philippines and Malaysia.

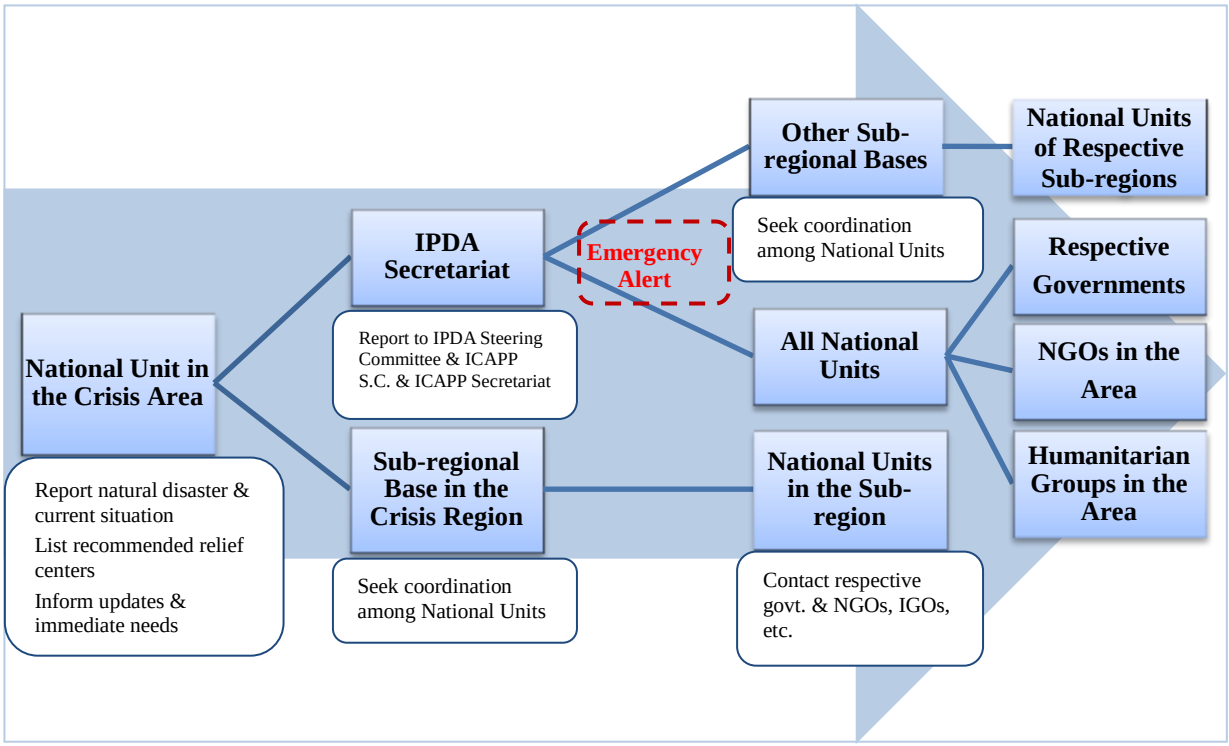
b. Relief and rehabilitation programs for victims in coastal regions of Asia, who have been affected by consequences of climate change such as drought, receding water levels, desertification, etc.

6. Organizational Chart of the IPDA



- NEA (Northeast Asia): China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mongolia
- CA (Central Asia): Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Russia
- ME (Middle East): Iran, Lebanon, Turkey
- OC (Oceania): Australia
- SA (South Asia): Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

7. Emergency Situation Flow Chart



Appendix XII:

Report on the Results of the 1st Meeting of the ICAPP-COPPPAL Business Council (Mexico City, November 28-29, 2014)

1. Statement for the 1st Meeting of the ICAPP-COPPPAL Business Council

The representatives of the ICAPP Standing Committee and the COPPPAL Coordinating Body, and the business leaders from Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean gathered in Mexico City during November 28 to 29, 2014, and launched the ICAPP-COPPPAL Business Council (hereinafter referred to as the "Business Council"). The program of, and the list of participants in, the first meeting of the Business Council are attached as ***Appendixes I and II***.

At the meeting, the terms of reference of the Business Council were adopted and the bureau of the Business Council was elected. The terms of reference and the list of the bureau are attached as ***Appendixes III and IV.***

First of all, recognizing the global trend of shifting economic center of gravity from North to South and from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the participants in the meeting acknowledged the great potential of the two continents to play a larger role in the global economy through solidifying inter-continental networks and exploring untapped areas of cooperation.

In particular, it was noted that the great strategic complementarities and synergy effects can be achieved by mobilizing unexploited natural resources, abundant agricultural land, vast amount of human resources, and capital and technology, both regions could take advantage of, among others, through expanding bi-continental economic links.

In this regard, the following have been identified as the Business Council's main duties and responsibilities: (1) laying out the blueprint or prospects of inter-continental cooperation in trade, investment, finance, science and technology, environment, culture and people-to-people exchange, and (2) facilitating the harmonization of economic policy-making and private sector decisions through enhanced dialogues between representatives of the leading political parties and business leaders.

It was also stressed that the Business Council shall play a critical role in harmonizing, integrating, coordinating and facilitating already existing inter-continental organizations or institutions, such as, but not limited to, the Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC), the Latin America/Caribbean and Asia/Pacific Economics and Business Association (LAEBA), the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), and the Pacific Alliance.

In particular, it was agreed that with the productive level of engagement by representatives of political parties in the ICAPP and the COPPPAL, the Business Council can initiate more structured and regular political dialogues to identify, and reduce, bottlenecks in inter-continental economic transactions.

It was also acknowledged that the Business Council can provide an effective channel to streamline and coordinate the exchange of information on various areas to facilitate such

transactions as market opportunities, recent trends on inter-continental trade and investment, developments in regional integration, standards, tariffs, and non-tariff trade measures.

Various ways were also explored to enhance mutual competitiveness, in the areas of infrastructure, innovation of technology, and training or capacity building programs. In this regard, more developed countries in the two continents were urged to actively engage in the inter-continental cooperation, either through development aid or technical assistance, to increase market values and build capacity of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in both continents.

Poverty and inequality were identified as the most prevalent and prominent issues which slow down economic development and cooperation in both continents. In this regard, it was reaffirmed that success in reducing poverty depended on, inter alia, the increased North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation and good governance, which should be characterized by transparency, accountability, responsiveness, effectiveness, efficiency and rule of law, not only within each country but also at the international level.

It was agreed to convene the 2nd meeting of the Business Council in Asia on the occasion of a major ICAPP event, either its Standing Committee meeting of the 9th General Assembly in 2016.

Finally, all participants extended their most profound gratitude to the Government and the people of Mexico, for their warm hospitality and the excellent arrangements to make the 1st Meeting of the Business Council a resounding success.

2. Terms of Reference of the ICAPP- COPPPAL Business Council

The ICAPP-COPPPAL Business Council (ICBC) will be composed of the following members:
(1) Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee
(2) Members of the COPPPAL Coordinating Body
(3) Business Leaders recommended by the Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee and the COPPPAL Coordinating Body

The main functions of the ICBC will be as follows:
(1) to help business communities of Asia and Latin America form closer linkage;
(2) to explore potential ways and areas of business promotion; and
(3) to expand economic cooperation in close coordination with leaders of the political parties.

The ICBC will elect two Co-Chairpersons from business leaders, one each from Asia and Latin America, and six Vice Chairpersons, three each from Asia and Latin America. Their terms of office will be two years each.

The meeting of the ICBC will be held regularly, at least once in two years, alternately in Asia and Latin America on a rotational basis, preferably back-to-back with either the General Assembly or the Standing Committee Meeting of the ICAPP, or the Plenary Meeting of the COPPPAL.

The ICBC may establish committees on specific topics or areas for potential cooperation, such as energy, construction, telecommunications, bio-agriculture, etc., for smaller group meetings among interested parties.

3. List of the Bureau of the Business Council

Co-Chairmen

(COPPPAL)

Hon. Julio Millan Bojalil, President, Coraza Corporation Azteca, S.A. DE C.V.
(email: jmillanb@grupocoraza.com)

(ICAPP)

Tansri Dr. Chen Lip Keong, President and CEO of NagaCorp Ltd. and Special Advisor to the Royal Government of Cambodia
(email: pheakdeykeo@gmail.com; kongchanveasnaocm@gmail.com)

Vice Chairmen

(COPPPAL)

Hon. Martin Rodriguez, Chairman, Young Business Association (Mexico)

(ICAPP)

Hon. Mr. Erwin Aksa, Chairman of the Indonesian Association of Entrepreneurs and Treasurer of the Centrist Asia Pacific Democrats International (CAPDI)
(email: erwin@bosowa.co.id)

Appendix XIII:

Report of the ICAPP Mission to Nicaragua and the U.N.
(October 11-18, 2014)

Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the ICAPP, attended the 32nd Plenary Meeting of the COPPPAL which was held in Managua, Nicaragua during October 11-14, 2014, on behalf of the ICAPP.

Mr. Chung also visited the U.N. headquarters in New York during October16-17 to meet with H.E. Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary General, and representatives of several Member States from Latin America and discussed the ICAPP's initiative to obtain observer status in the U.N. General Assembly (UNGA).

I. Visit to Nicaragua

The 32nd Plenary Meeting of the COPPPAL

The 32nd Plenary Meeting of the COPPPAL was attended by representatives of leading political parties from 27 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. It was a general assembly of the COPPPAL which is held annually. The main topics of the meeting were decolonization, exploitation of under-aged labor, improvement of communication between the government and the people and the grand canal construction project of Nicaragua. The meeting was presided over by Hon. Gustavo Caravajal Moreno, Deputy Chairman of the COPPPAL. The program of the meeting is attached as ***Appendix I.***

At the request of the COPPPAL, Mr. Chung made a presentation in the morning session of October 13, which was attended by H.E. Daniel Ortega, President of Nicaragua and Chairman of the governing Sandinista National Liberation Front, and Hon. Cesar Camacho, Chairman of the COPPPAL and Chairman of the governing PRI of Mexico. Mr. Chung's presentation was focused on the ICAPP's recent activities, cooperation between the ICAPP and the COPPPAL, prospect for the trilateral cooperation among the ICAPP, COPPPAL and CAPP, and the ICAPP's bid for observer status in the UN General Assembly. The text of his presentation is attached as ***Appendix II.***

Meeting with COPPPAL Representatives

During his stay in Managua, Mr. Chung had a separate meeting with Hon. Gustavo Caravajal Moreno, Deputy Chairman of the COPPPAL, Mr. Jorge Perez Galicia Paz, Executive Secretary and Mr. Javier Vega Camargo, Deputy Executive Secretary of the COPPPAL, and discussed how to prepare for the forthcoming fifth Joint Session between the ICAPP Standing Committee and the COPPPAL Coordinating Body to be held in Mexico City during November 26-28, 2014.

First of all, both sides confirmed the tentative program of the joint meeting and the first meeting of the Asian-Latina American Business Council (ALABC), as agreed in Colombo in September. The tentative program of the joint session is attached as ***Appendix III.***

The COPPPAL also agreed to the main items for agenda as proposed by the ICAPP. And it was agreed that the first session of the ALABC meeting will be focused on cooperation in energy sector and the second session will include cooperation in all other sectors, as suggested by the COPPPAL.

Both sides also agreed to the following terms of reference for the ALABC subject to approval at the fifth ICAPP-COPPPAL Joint Session and the first meeting of the ALABC:
(1) The ALABC will be composed of the following members:
- Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee
- Members of the COPPPAL Coordinating Body
- Business Leaders from the countries which are represented at the ICAPP Standing Committee and the COPPPAL Coordinating Body (In principle, business membership of the ALABC will be open to any business leaders in Asia and Latin America who wish to join)
(2) The main functions of the ALABC will be (1) to help business communities of the two continents form closer linkage; (2) to explore potential ways and areas of business promotion; and (3) to expand economic cooperation in close coordination with leaders of the political parties.
(3) The ALABC will elect four Chairpersons from business leaders, two each from Asia and Latin America, and ten Vice Chairpersons, five each from Asia and Latin America. Their terms of office will be two years each.
(4) The meeting of the ALABC will be held regularly, at least once in two years, alternately in Asia and Latin America on a rotational basis, preferably back-to-back with either General Assembly or Standing Committee Meeting of the ICAPP, or Plenary Meeting of the COPPPAL.
(5) The ALABC may establish committees on specific topics or areas for potential cooperation, such as construction, energy, telecommunications, bio-agriculture, etc., for smaller group meetings among interested parties.

In addition, the COPPPAL agreed to provide local accommodation for up to two representatives from each participating political party and up to two business leaders from each country from the ICAPP side.

The COPPPAL also agreed to contact their members and governments in Cuba and Venezuela to arrange visit by the ICAPP mission to these countries in late November after the meeting in Mexico City to discuss future cooperation between the ICAPP and the principal political parties in the two countries, including their support for the ICAPP's bid for observer status in the U.N. General Assembly.

II. Visit to the U.N. Headquarters

Meeting with the UN Secretary General

Mr. Chung had a meeting with H.E. Ban Ki-moon on October 16 at his office in the U.N. Headquarters in New York and discussed how to further coordinate ICAPP activities with the U.N. programs and work. Mr. Chung, first of all, thanked Secretary General Ban for his continued support for the ICAPP activities and, in particular, for his warm and encouraging

video message to the 8th General Assembly held in Colombo, Sri Lanka during September 18-21, 2014.

Mr. Chung made a brief presentation on the results of the 8th GA and the main activities of the ICAPP during the last two years, and presented to the UNSG two publications issued by the ICAPP Secretariat, "Report on the major activities of the ICAPP during 2013-14" and "Documents relating to the ICAPP's application for the observer status in the UNGA".

Secretary General Ban extended his congratulations on the successful conclusion of the 8th GA of the ICAPP. He particularly welcomed and complimented the decision by both the ruling Sri Lanka Freedom Party and the opposition United National Party of Sri Lank to co-host the event. In this regard, he praised the ICAPP's role in, and contributions to, bringing together political leaders of different political ideologies, thus promoting reconciliation, at both national and international level, in Asia.

Secretary General Ban also encouraged the continued efforts by the ICAPP to win the consensus on its initiative to obtain observer status in the UNGA.

Meeting with Representatives of Latin American Missions to the UN

Mr. Chung also had meetings with the following representatives from three Member States from Latin America, which had expressed their reservations to the draft resolution to invite the ICAPP to the UNGA as an observer at the 68th session in 2013.
- Ms. Fernanda Millicay, Minister Plenipotentiary of Argentina
- Ms. Glenna Cabello de Daboin, Counsellor of Venezuela
- Ms. Tanieris Dieguez Lao, Third Secretary of Cuba

All three representatives appreciated the ICAPP's efforts to coordinate its activities with the U.N. programs and made clear that their governments do not have any objection to such efforts. They explained that the reservations of their governments on granting observer status to the ICAPP is purely on legal ground, and once again pointed out that, according to the UN Resolution of 1999, observer status in the UNGA should be granted to inter-governmental organizations.

Mr. Chung again responded that there have been four exceptions to the criteria since the resolution was adopted in 1999, and, in consideration of the unique nature of the organization which is open to all political parties across political spectrum, the ICAPP deserves special consideration by Member States. He also mentioned that it would be possible for the ICAPP to share the observer status with the COPPPAL, and eventually with the CAPP, such as by forming joint delegations to U.N. meetings once it is granted observer status.

Mr. Chung also informed the representatives of Cuba and Venezuela that the ICAPP is planning to send its mission to their capitals to follow up on the issue in late November after the joint session with the COPPPAL in Mexico City, and requested them to recommend their governments to receive the ICAPP mission.

The three representatives said that they would report to their respective governments on the ICAPP's requests. Ms. Glenna Cabello of Venezuela, in particular, said she would contact her brother, Hon. Diosdado Cabello, who is Speaker of the Parliament and Deputy Leader of

the governing *Partido Socialista Unido of Venezuela (PSUV*: United Socialist Party of Venezuela), and pass the information of the ICAPP's plan to send its mission to Caracas.

Appendixes:

I. Program of the 32nd Plenary Meeting of the COPPPAL

II. Presentation by Mr. Chung Eui-yong

III. Tentative Program of the 5th ICAPP-COPPPAL Joint Session

Appendix XIV:

Report on the ICAPP-COPPPAL Joint Mission to Cuba and Venezuela (November 30 to December 4, 2014)

Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the ICAPP, and Hon. Gustavo Carvajal Moreno, Deputy Chairman of the COPPPAL, visited Cuba and Venezuela together from November 30 to December 4, 2014, after concluding the 5th ICAPP-COPPPAL Joint Session and the 1st Meeting of the ICAPP-COPPPAL Business Council (ICBC) held in Mexico City during November 28-29.

The purpose of the visits were to meet with the leaders of the principal political parties of the two countries and discuss how to further promote cooperative relations between the ICAPP and the COPPPAL and how to enhance the roles of the political parties of the two countries in doing so.

During the visits, Mr. Chung and Mr. Caravajal briefed about the common efforts of the ICAPP and the COPPPAL to strengthen their cooperation between the two continents and meet the common challenges together. They explained their joint efforts to help African political parties establish a similar organization, and thanks to such efforts, the CAPP, Council of African Political Parties, was launched in April 2013. In this regard, they informed the Cuban and Venezuelan leaders that at the 5th joint session between the ICAPP and the COPPPAL, it was agreed to convene the 1st tri-lateral meeting among the ICAPP Standing Committee, the COPPPAL Coordinating Body and the CAPP Executive Council in October 2015 in Indonesia, and work toward forming a World Congress of Political Parties in the future.

They also stressed that the launching of the ICAPP-COPPPAL Business Council was another major achievement of the ICAPP-COPPPAL joint efforts and reported the results of its first meeting which took place last weekend in Mexico City.

They also briefed the leaders of Cuba and Venezuela on the current state of the deliberations at the U.N. General Assembly (UNGA) on the ICAPP's bid for the observer status in the UNGA and requested their support in achieving consensus in the UNGA for granting the observer status to the ICAPP.

In particular, Mr. Chung said that, once granted observer status, the ICAPP would find ways to coordinate its activities in the UN with the COPPPAL, for instance by including COPPPAL representatives in its delegations to the UN meetings. By doing so, we can have the people's voices of the emerging democracies in Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean, and eventually in Africa, be directly heard in the process of multilateral debates on our common challenges in the UN process.

Mr. Chung also pointed out that the ICAPP is of unique nature in that it represents more than 350 political parties in over 50 countries in Asia, both ruling and opposition parties, and across all political ideologies. The most active members of the ICAPP are ruling parties which are directly responsible for forming their governments and most of the opposition parties may also become ruling parties depending upon the election results, whereby they

may also form governments of their countries anytime. Although the ICAPP is not an inter-governmental organization per se, it is not a non-governmental organization, or a civil society, either. It is something in between in nature. That is why it has decided to seek observer status in the UNGA, rather than NGO consultative status in the UN ECOSOC. The decision was, in fact, made at the advice of high-level officials in the UN Secretariat.

Visit to Cuba

Mr. Chung and Mr. Caravajal held an extensive meeting with Hon. Dr. Jose Ramon Balaguer Cabrera, Member of the Secretariat of the Central Committee and Head of the International Relations Department of the Communist Party of Cuba (*PCC*), and Member of the People's Power National Assembly, on December 1 at the Headquarters of the *PCC* Central Committee. Dr. Balaguer, at the age of 82, was one of the first generation members in the Cuban revolution together with Chairman Fidel Castro. He was former Cuban Ambassador to the Soviet Union and a member of the Cuban cabinet.

The meeting was also attended by Hon. Jorge Arias Diaz, Deputy Head of the International Relations Department of the Central Committee, and Hon. Jesus Aise Sotolongo, Official in charge of the Asia and Oceania Desk of the International Relations Department, and former Ambassador to Vietnam.

Mr. Chung and Mr. Caravajal also had four separate meetings with Mr. Arias and Mr. Aise for more in-depth exchange of views during their stay in Cuba.

The leaders of the *PCC* welcomed the visit of the joint mission of the ICAPP and the COPPPAL and confirmed their support for the principles and activities of the ICAPP and the expansion of cooperation between the two organizations.

The Cuban leaders also welcomed the launching of the ICBC and said they would discuss with relevant authorities in Cuba, including the Ministry of Foreign Trade, appropriate ways of Cuban participation in the future activities of the ICBC.

The Cuban leaders also welcomed the plan to convene the 1st trilateral meeting between the ICAPP Standing Committee, the COPPPAL Coordinating Body and the CAPP Executive Council in Indonesia in October 2015, and supported the idea of the eventual establishment of a World Congress of Political Parties encompassing Asia, Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Cuban leaders pointed out, in particular, the main challenges the ICAPP has taken up to tackle with, i.e. poverty, climate change, health, education etc., are exactly same tasks of priority for the *PCC*. They said that the *PCC* would also like to widen the scope of cooperation to the issues relating to women and youth through Women's Wings and Youth Wings of the ICAPP and the COPPPAL, pointing out the active roles played by the Young Communists League and the Democratic Federation of Women in Latin America which is headquartered in Havana.

As for the ICAPP's bid for observer status in the UNGA, they expressed appreciation for more detailed information on the background and the purpose of the ICAPP’s application, and said they could now have better understanding of the ICAPP’s position. They also said

that the position of the Cuban government on the issue at the 68th session of the UNGA was strictly made in consideration of procedures and practices of the UNGA in granting observer status to other international organizations.

The position the Cuban government has taken last year, the Cuban leaders emphasized, should not be seen under any circumstances as politically motivated, or as representing its negative assessment on the contributions of the ICAPP to the work of the UN or on the merits of awarding observer status to the ICAPP. They further confirmed that the *PCC* would discuss with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Cuban government how to formulate its future position in a way not to block the consensus at the next deliberations on the item at the Sixth Committee of the 70th session of the UNGA in 2015.

In this regard, Mr. Caravajal said that it would be very helpful if the position of the Cuban government would be known to other governments in the region, including Venezuela. He further emphasized that both the ICAPP and the COPPPAL are seeking the same values and objectives.

Visit to Venezuela

Mr. Chung and Mr. Caravajal held an extensive meeting with Hon. Yul Jabour, Chairman of the Permanent Commission of External Policies, Sovereignty and Integration of the National Assembly, representing the Communist Party of Venezuela (*PCV*) on December 3, 2014 at the Conference Room of the External Policies Commission of the National Assembly.

The meeting was also attended by Hon. Saul Ortega Campos, Vice Chairman of the Commission, and Hon. Christian Tyrone Zerpa, Member of the Commission, representing the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (*PSUV*). The *PSUV* and the *PCV* are the coalition partners of the current Venezuelan government. An official from Asia Desk of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was also present at the meeting.

The Venezuelan leaders also welcomed the joint mission of the ICAPP and the COPPPAL. In particular, Vice Chairman Ortega said that, although the *PSUV* has recently not been able to further consolidate its cooperative relations with the COPPPAL, its solidarity with the COPPPAL has remained unchanged. They expressed their gratitude to Mr. Caravajal for his continuous support for the cause of Bolivarian revolution in Venezuela, and President Nicolas Maduro regards himself as a good friend of Mr. Caravajal.

Chairman Jabour said that, although the *PCV* is not a member of the COPPPAL, it supports the cause and activities of the COPPPAL. To this, Mr. Caravajal emphasized that principal political parties in Venezuela should more actively participate in the COPPPAL activities, and assured them the COPPPAL's solidarity with Venezuela remains unchanged, and it would always welcome Venezuelan participation in the COPPPAL activities.

The Venezuelan leaders also expressed their support for the launching of the ICBC and expressed its hope that it would benefit all countries in the two continents. They also supported the convening the 1st trilateral meeting among the ICAPP, COPPPAL, and CAPP.

The Venezuelan leaders particularly welcomed the ICAPP mission and expressed their most sincere gratitude for the visit and briefing on the ICAPP activities, in particular, its initiative

to obtain observer status in the UNGA. Thanks to the explanation and all the information Mr. Chung has provided, they could now have better understanding of the ICAPP and its purpose to obtain the UN observer status. Mr. Ortega said that Venezuela had some misunderstanding in the past on the ICAPP's intention to obtain the observer status, since many civil societies have been unfairly criticizing Venezuela at international fora, including the UN.

The Venezuelan leaders said that they would consult with the government, including the Foreign Ministry and the Mission to the UN, to consider the ICAPP's request in a more positive way and to take a decision in time for consensus at the next deliberations of the item at the UNGA. They also said that the visit by the ICAPP mission and its messages would be reported to President Maduro and other government leaders.

Appendix XV:

Copy of the signed MOU

Memorandum of Understanding
on Cooperation to Support the Activities
of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties

The Participants to this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU"),

Recognizing the unique role which the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (hereinafter referred to as the "ICAPP") is playing to create an environment for sustained peace and shared prosperity in Asia by promoting exchanges and cooperation between political parties with various ideologies and thus enhancing mutual understanding and trust among the peoples,

Realizing that challenges in Asia can be more efficiently and effectively addressed if the political leaders of the region unite through dialogue by building mutual confidence and fellowship, by seeking political consensus through consultation and sharing of experiences, and by developing common political strategies, and

Wishing that the increased capacity of the ICAPP to aggregate and channel the views of the peoples in all diversity, as expressed in political debates and discussions at all dimensions, local, national and regional, will contribute to forging closer understanding and cooperation between the governments and helping them move forward to build a more peaceful, harmonious and prosperous region,

Have reached the following understandings:

Paragraph 1

The Participants will provide appropriate support that is available and possible within their capacity, for the activities and programs of the ICAPP, which include its General Assembly, Standing Committee meetings, Special Thematic Conferences, and other activities of its subsidiary bodies, such as the ICAPP Women's Wing and the ICAPP Youth Wing, etc.

Paragraph 2

The Participants will also provide appropriate support that is available and possible within their capacity, for the activities of the ICAPP Secretariat.

Paragraph 3

This MOU is not intended to create any legally binding obligations.

Paragraph 4

Other Governments whose political parties are members of the ICAPP can participate in this MOU, by submitting their intention in writing to the ICAPP Secretariat.

Paragraph 5

The ICAPP Secretariat, acting as a Depository for the MOU, will immediately inform the other Participants when a new Participant joins. The Depository will also keep the list of the Participants in this MOU as Annex A.

Paragraph 6

All Signatories have equal status.

Paragraph 7

Any differences arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU will be resolved through consultations and/or negotiations between the Signatories.

Paragraph 8

This MOU will come into effect on the date of signature, and will come into effect upon the new Participant when a majority of the Participants notifies the ICAPP Secretariat (or Depository), in writing, of their intention to approve such submission of intention to participate in this MOU. This MOU will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years, and will be automatically extended for further periods of five (5) years, unless terminated by the Participant giving six (6) months prior notice in writing to the other Participants. The Participants may, upon mutual consent, introduce amendments and additions to this MOU, which will come into effect in the same manner as the MOU. Such amendments and additions will form an integral part of this MOU.

Signed in Seoul on the twenty-sixth day of July, 2013, in the English language.

For the Government of the Republic of Korea
H.E. Mr. Kim Kyou-hyun, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs

For the Government of Kingdom of Cambodia
H.E. Mr. Chan Ky Sim, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

For the Government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
H.E. Mr. Tissa Wijeratne, Ambassasador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

For the Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh
Mr.Khandker Masudul Alam, Counsellor and Charge d'Affaires

For the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan
Mr. Ramzi Teymurov, Cahrge d'Affaires

For the Government of People's Republic of China
Mr. Feng Cuntai, Counsellor

冯寿台

For the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Mr. Kazem Soltanahmade, Counsellor

For the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam
H.E. Mr. Toan Trong TRAN Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

For the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan
H.E. Mr. Dulat Bakishev, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

Appendix XVI:

Declaration adopted at the 5th Joint Session
Between the ICAPP Standing Committee and the COPPPAL Coordinating Body
(Mexico City, November 29, 2014)

We, the Members of the Standing Committee of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (hereinafter referred to as the "ICAPP"), an open forum for all political parties in Asia since 2000 and currently with over 350 political parties from 52 countries eligible to participate in its activities, and the Coordinating Body of the Permanent Conference of Latin America and Caribbean Political Parties (hereinafter referred to as the 'COPPPAL"), a most important multilateral political forum since 1979 currently comprising of over 60 political parties in 29 countries in the Americas, held their fifth inter-continental meeting in Mexico City, during November 28-29, 2015.

In particular, we congratulated the historic launching of the ICAPP-COPPPAL Business Council (hereinafter referred to as the "Business Council) together with business leaders from our two continents and pledged to further strengthen our cooperative efforts to promote economic and business cooperation between Asia and the Americas through the activities of the Business Council. We also reiterated our previous agreement to continue our efforts to achieve bi-regional integration between Asia and the Americas in the long run.

We reaffirmed our commitment to promoting inclusive democracy. In this regard, while we admitted that globalization was a historical process that could not be reversed, we emphasized that globalization should be achieved in a way to protect and promote diversity and plurality which were inherent in our societies, and not to weaken the abilities of our societies to handle our own challenges.

We agreed to join hands to meet global challenges together and seek common strategies. In particular, we chose "poverty" and "climate change" as two priority challenges to be jointly dealt with by the ICAPP and the COPPPAL. In particular, we called for multilateral efforts to establish a"Global Anti-Poverty Fund" to help reduce the proportion of people living in extreme poverty. We also welcomed the initiative by the International Eco-Safety Cooperation Organization (IESCO) to establish the "Global Parties' Climate and Ecological Alliance (GPCEA)", which was launched in July 2014 in China and confirmed our willingness to actively participate in GPCEA's activities in line with our principles and purposes in combating climate change.

We called for continued efforts between the leaders of the Women's Wings and Youth Wings of the ICAPP and the COPPPAL to expand their exchanges and cooperations to develop better strategies in dealing with their common challenges, such as education, health, employment, and social justice.

We congratulated our colleagues in Africa on the establishment of the "Council of African Political Parties (CAPP)" which was launched in Sudan in April 2013, and welcomed the offer of the GOLKAR Party and the Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDI-P: *Partai Demokrasi Indonesia Perjuangan*) to co-host the first meeting among the ICAPP Standing Committee, the COPPPAL Coordinating Body and the CAPP Executive Council in Jakarta, Indonesia in October 2015. In this regard, we agreed to continue our efforts to reach out to

political parties in other continents with a view to establish a “World Congress of Political Parties (WCPP)” in the near future.

We also agreed to coordinate our efforts to support the ICAPP’s initiative to obtain observer status in the United Nations’ General Assembly(UNGA). In particular, representatives of the COPPPAL agreed to recommend their respective governments to render support for this initiative at the U.N. In this regard, it was noted that the ICAPP will closely coordinate its activities in the UNGA, once it obtains observer status.

Lastly, we extended our deepest gratitude to the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) and the Government of Mexico for hosting these historic events in Mexico City.

Adopted unanimously on november 29, 2014, in Mexico City, Mexico.

Appendix XVII:

Invitation from the CAPP

Council Of African Political Parties
The Secretary General
Khartoum - Sudan

CAPP

مجلس الأحزاب السياسية الأفريقية
الأمين العام
الخرطوم - السودان

17/2/2015

H.E. Chung Eui-yong
Secretary General

International Council of Asian Political Parties

Re: Monitoring of Elections in Sudan

Excellency,

Further to our communications on the above subject, I have the honor to welcome, on behalf of the Council of African Political Parties, the willingness of ICAPP to participate in monitoring elections in Africa and we look forward to benefiting from the experience of ICAPP in this respect. I also have the honor to inform that the casting of votes in Sudan will be on 13th -15th April 2015, and we propose that monitors to the elections arrive two days prior to the first day of voting and stay to the 16th of April.

The Secretariat of the Council of CAPP has the pleasure to facilitate hotel accommodation and domestic transportation to ICAPP team.

We look forward to receiving confirmation of arrival details of your monitors.

Sincerely yours,

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Appendix XVIII:

ICAPP Charter

(As adopted at the 4th General Assembly on September 10, 2006 and amended at the 5th General Assembly on September 26, 2009, amended at the 7th General Assembly on November 23, 2012 and amended at the 8th General Assembly on September 19, 2014)

PREAMBLE

We, the leaders and representatives of political parties in Asia, gathered for the Fourth General Assembly of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (hereinafter referred to as the "ICAPP") in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from September 7 to 10, 2006,

UPHOLDING the United Nations' Charter, and the principles of mutual respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty, mutual non-aggression, mutual non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful co-existence;

RECOGNIZING the immense potential of Asia to become the political, economic, and social center of the global stage in the twenty first century if permanent peace and shared prosperity is achieved in the region

REALIZING that challenges in Asia can be more efficiently and effectively addressed if the political leaders of the region unite through sustained dialogue by building mutual confidence and fellowship, by seeking political consensus through consultation and sharing of experiences, and by developing common political strategies

RECALLING that a regularly held gathering of political leaders in the region is an effective tool in seeing the potential of Asia become a reality since it fosters such sustained dialogue

HAVING HELD the First General Assembly of the ICAPP in September 2000 in Manila, Republic of the Philippines, followed by the Second and Third General Assemblies in Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand in November 2002 and Beijing, People's Republic of China in September 2004, respectively

DO HEREBY PROCLAIM that the Articles set forth in this Charter shall govern the objectives, institutional arrangements, and activities of the ICAPP.

ARTICLES

CHAPTER I. OBJECTIVES

Article 1

The objectives of the ICAPP shall be:

a. to promote exchanges and cooperation between political parties with various ideologies in Asia;
b. to enhance mutual understanding and trust among the peoples and countries in the region;
c. to promote regional cooperation through the unique role and channel of political parties and
d. to create an environment for sustained peace and shared prosperity in the region.

CHAPTER II. MEMBERSHIP

Article 2

1. The ICAPP shall be open to political parties in Asia with democratically elected members in the parliaments of their respective countries, which are Member States of the United Nations.

2. Under certain circumstances, the Standing Committee of the ICAPP (hereinafter referred to as the "Standing Committee") may decide to extend invitations to organizations or groups, which do not fulfill the criteria above, to participate in the activities of the ICAPP, as Observers, including attending the General Assembly of the ICAPP (hereinafter referred to as the "General Assembly"), in the interests of rendering the activities of the ICAPP more inclusive and representative of the diversities existing in Asia.

Article 3

1. For the purposes of this Charter, the term "parliament" shall mean any national body performing legislative functions of that country. The term "political party" shall mean any political organization which has been legally formed and recognized in the respective countries.

CHAPTER III. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 4

1. In furtherance of the objectives of the ICAPP, as prescribed in Article 1 of this Charter, a General Assembly shall be held once every two (2) years on a rotational basis among its members, unless otherwise decided by the Standing Committee. It shall be held, in principle, for three (3) working days in the latter half of the year.

2. The General Assembly shall be, in principle, composed of the following program:
   a. Opening Ceremony;
   b. Plenary Session and Thematic Committee meetings;
   c. Special Workshops and other events upon the approval of the Standing Committee
   d. Standing Committee meetings; and
   e. Closing Ceremony

Article 5

1. All members interested in hosting the following General Assembly shall submit written notification to the Standing Committee before the conclusion of the previous General Assembly.

2. The venue and the host(s) for the following General Assembly shall be determined by consensus at the Standing Committee meeting.

Article 6

1. The main theme and up to three (3) sub themes of the General Assembly, which are consistent with the objectives of the ICAPP, shall be proposed by the host(s) and approved by the Standing Committee.

2. The main theme of the General Assembly shall be discussed at the Plenary Session. The sub themes of the General Assembly shall be discussed at the Thematic Committee meetings.

3. Any member may submit proposals for the main theme and sub themes of the General Assembly to the Standing Committee. Such proposals must be made in writing before the conclusion of the previous General Assembly.

4. In addition to the Plenary Session and the Thematic Committee meetings held during the General Assembly, special workshops on specific issues, which are relevant to the ICAPP, may be held upon the approval of the Standing Committee.

Article 7

1. The Bureau of the General Assembly (hereinafter referred to as the "Bureau") shall be comprised of one (1) Chairperson and up to five (5) Vice Chairpersons for the Plenary Session, and (1) Chairperson and up to three (3) Vice Chairpersons for each Thematic Committee meeting. The list of candidates for the Bureau will be prepared by the Standing Committee and recommended to the General Assembly for its approval at the Opening Ceremony by consensus.

2. The Chairpersons of the Plenary Session and the Thematic Committee meetings shall prepare the list of speakers at the Plenary Sessions and Thematic Committee meetings in accordance with the order of application or request from the members.

3. In case that the General Assembly is co-hosted by two or more number of political parties of a country, the Bureau of the General Assembly may be comprised of Co-Chairpersons.

Article 8

1. The political party, or parties, hosting the General Assembly shall bear the primary expenses of the General Assembly.

2. The primary expenses include logistical arrangements for the General Assembly, i.e., conference facilities, domestic transportation, etc. The primary expenses shall not include, inter alia, international transportation to and from the location of the General Assembly.

3. For the purposes of holding the General Assembly, the political party, or parties, hosting the General Assembly may seek voluntary contributions from members of the ICAPP and other organizations.

CHAPTER IV. STANDING COMMITTEE

Article 9

1. A Standing Committee, composed of the representatives of political parties of not exceeding twenty-three (23) countries in the region, shall be established.

2. The Members of the Standing Committee, who will serve for two years from the end of a General Assembly until the end of the following General Assembly, shall be nominated at the Standing Committee held on the margins of the General Assembly and approved by the General Assembly.

3. Members of the Standing Committee shall actively participate in all ICAPP activities and programs. If a member, or his or her designated representative from the same political party, fails to attend the Standing Committee meetings for more than two (2) consecutive times, without providing reasonable cause of absence, the membership of the party in the Standing Committee may be revoked by the decision of the Standing Committee.

4. The membership in the Standing Committee may be shared by up to two (2) principal political parties from each country, which is invited to the Standing Committee, with equal status and responsibility.

Article 10

1. The Standing Committee will make decisions on the venue, main theme, and sub themes of the General Assembly as provided in Article 6. Additionally, it shall lay out the procedures of the Plenary Session and Thematic Committee meetings and any other matters as outlined in this Charter.

2. For the purposes of performing its duties, as prescribed in the foregoing, the Standing Committee meeting shall be held at least once a year, including its meetings during the General Assembly.

Article 11

1. One (1) Chairperson and one (1) Vice Chairperson of the Standing Committee shall be elected by consensus of the members of the Standing Committee during the General Assembly. The Chairperson shall serve for two (2) years or until the next General Assembly is held.

2. The Chairperson shall preside over the Standing Committee meetings, held pursuant to Article 10 of this Charter, and represent the ICAPP during the period between the General Assemblies.

3. In the event that the Chairperson is no longer able to serve his or her term before its completion, the Vice Chairperson will assume the position until the following Standing Committee meeting is held.

CHAPTER V. SECRETARIAT

Article 12

The Secretariat of the ICAPP shall be established to execute the following functions, among others:

1. to maintain and update the list of the political parties in the region, a database for the ICAPP activities and the official website(www.theicapp.org);

2. to provide necessary information and assistance to the members of the ICAPP, in particular the members of the Standing Committee and the host of the General Assembly in assuming their roles in the ICAPP activities; and

3. to establish contacts and promote cooperation with other international or regional organizations of political parties, and other international or regional parliamentary organizations.

Article 13

1. The Secretariat shall comprise a Secretary General and such staff as the ICAPP activities may require. The Secretary General shall be appointed by the Standing Committee. The appointment shall be subject to confirmation at the General Assembly.
2. The Secretary General shall act in that capacity in all ICAPP meetings and perform such other functions as are entrusted by the General Assembly and/or the Standing Committee.

CHAPTER VI: AMENDMENTS

Article 14

1. Proposals to amend this Charter shall be made in writing and submitted to the Chairperson of the Standing Committee at least three (3) months in advance prior to the commencement of the General Assembly.

2. The Chairperson of the Standing Committee shall, without delay, communicate such proposal(s) to the members of the Standing Committee who shall then review the

proposals and present a joint report with recommendation(s) to the following General Assembly.

3. The proposal(s) shall be reviewed and adopted as amendment(s) to the Charter by the consensus of the General Assembly.

CHAPTER VII: WORKING LANGUAGE

Article 15

1. The working language of the ICAPP shall be English.

2. During the General Assembly, however, if any member provides his or her own simultaneous interpreter(s) from his or her native language to English, the host(s) of the meeting will provide facilities for simultaneous interpretation.

Appendix XIX:

Major Understandings and Decisions reached at ICAPP Standing Committee Meetings

1. 5th SC Meeting in Seoul during June 1-3, 2006)

- The Members agreed to extend invitations to political parties in the Palestinian National Authority in an effort to render the ICAPP activities more inclusive and representative of the diversities existing in the region.

2. 7th SC Meeting in Seoul during February 23-34, 2007

- Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Uri Party of the Republic of Korea, was elected Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee.
- The Members agreed to invite the Liberal Party of Australia, the Justice and Development Party (AK Parti) of Turkey and the United Russian Party of the Russian Federation as new members of the SC.

3. 8th SC Meeting in Tehran during November 22-23, 2008

- The Members agreed that the following two criteria would be applied to the political parties in Asia to be eligible for invitation to the future ICAPP activities, including the General Assemblies; (1) Political parties which have more than one percent of elected seats in their national parliaments; or (2) Political parties which have won more than one percent of popular votes in their latest national parliamentary elections, as certified and recognized by their national election commissions.

4. 10th SC Meeting in Astana during March 27-28, 2009

- The budget and personnel to implement the functions of the ICAPP Secretariat shall be initially provided by the host country. Issues relating to the further budget and personnel of the Secretariat will continue to be discussed in the Standing Committee.
- The Members agreed to establish the ICAPP Secretariat in Seoul, Republic of Korea. And Co-Chairman Chung Eui-yong formally accepted the nomination made at the 9th SC Meeting to assume the position of Secretary General of the ICAPP as of January 1, 2009.

5. 11th SC Meeting in Astana during September 24-28, 2009

- The Members agreed that the decision not to invite certain eligible political parties to the ICAPP General Assembly can be made only by the consensus of the Standing Committee.

6. 13th SC Meeting in Kunming on July 16, 2010

- The Members agreed that all representatives of the political parties at ICAPP Meetings should refrain from raising any issues directly related to bilateral conflicts or disputes among the countries in the region. It was highly recommended, however, to seek direct dialogue among political parties in the concerned countries to promote understanding and prevent such conflicts or disputes from getting further aggravated.

- The Members agreed to recommend to all members of the Standing committee to adopt the similar arrangement reached between the two main political parties in Japan and Korea that as long as they retain membership in the ICAPP SC, the representative of the political party with the largest number of seats in their respective Parliament at the time would represent Japan or Korea at the SC as its member, while the representative of the political party with second largest number of seats in the Parliament would attend the SC meetings as observers. They agreed that such formula in the SC membership will make the ICAPP activities more inclusive and credible.

- The Members endorsed the establishment of the ICAPP Medical Emergency Forum (IMEF), as proposed by the UMNO at the 12th SC Meeting.

7. 14th SC Meeting in Phnom Penh during December 1-3, 2010

- The Members elected Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Secretary General of the Pakistan Muslim League-Q, as Special Rapporteur of the Standing Committee.

- The Members agreed to the new list of the eighteen political parties from eighteen countries whose representatives would compose the new Standing Committee; i.e. Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Russian Federation, Turkey and Vietnam.

- The Members endorsed the Secretariat's proposal to seek observer status in the U.N. General Assembly (UNGA) and agreed to request their respective governments to co-sponsor the draft resolution in the UNGA.

8. 16th SC Meeting in Seoul during October 27-30, 2011

- The Members agreed to establish the ICAPP Youth Wing to help young politicians explore and strengthen their capabilities as political leaders. They also welcomed the proposal to establish the ICAPP Media Forum and agreed to form a working group to discuss how to set up the media forum.

- The Members also agreed to establish the ICAPP Women's Wing to further strengthen the role of women in politics in the region.

9. 17th SC Meeting in Baku during June 21-23, 2012

- The Members agreed to establish the ICAPP-COPPPAL Economic Council and the

ICAPP Committee on Climate Change.

- In this regard, the Members agreed that the ICAPP-affiliated groups, including the ICAPP Youth Wing, ICAPP Women's Wing and the IMEF, should remain under the umbrella of the ICAPP Standing Committee and their activities should be fully consistent with the objectives and principles of the ICAPP.

10. 18th SC Meeting in Baku on November 21, 2012

- The Members agreed to increase the number of SC Members from eighteen to twenty-two and to invite political parties from Bangladesh, Lebanon, Mongolia, Myanmar and Thailand as new SC members. They agreed to revoke the membership of Lebanon in accordance with the ICAPP Charter.

11. 19th SC Meeting in Hanoi during April 22-24, 2013

- The Members endorsed the Secretariat's proposal to conclude an inter-governmental Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide support for the ICAPP activities and agreed to recommend their respective governments to sign the MOU.

12. 23rd SC Meeting in Colombo on September 18, 2014

- The Members agreed to increase the number of SC members to twenty-three and to invite Sri Lanka as new a member. They also agreed to amend the ICAPP Charter to allow up to two principal political parties in the member countries to be represented in the Standing Committee.

- The Members elected Hon. Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers, and Representative of the Cambodian People's Party as Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee.

- The Members reconfirmed that consensus-building, or unanimous decision-making, is one of the main pillars of the ICAPP and the ICAPP should continue to abide by this principle in its future activities.