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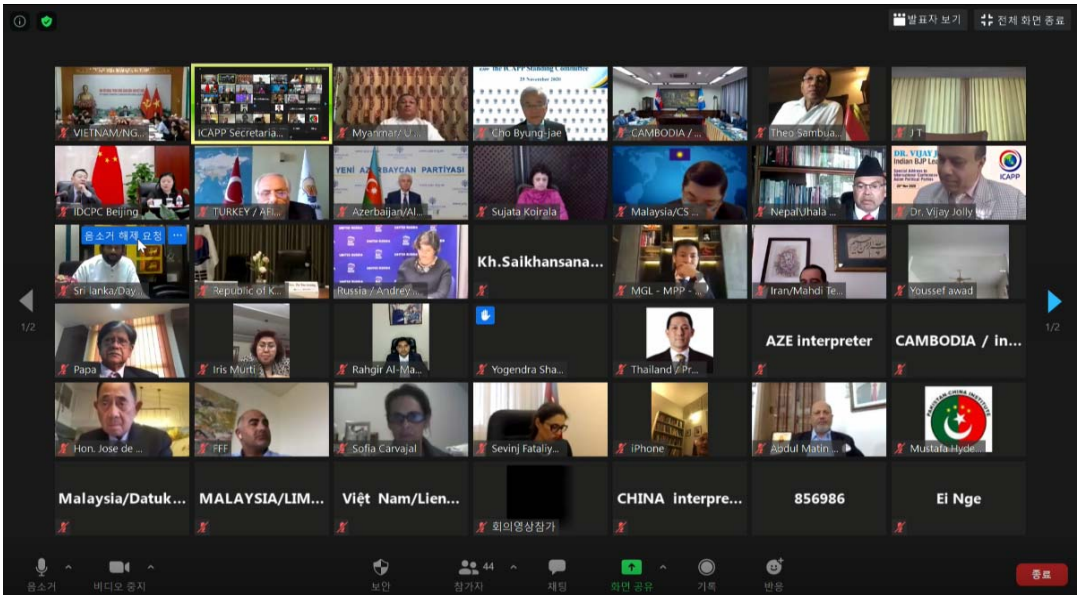
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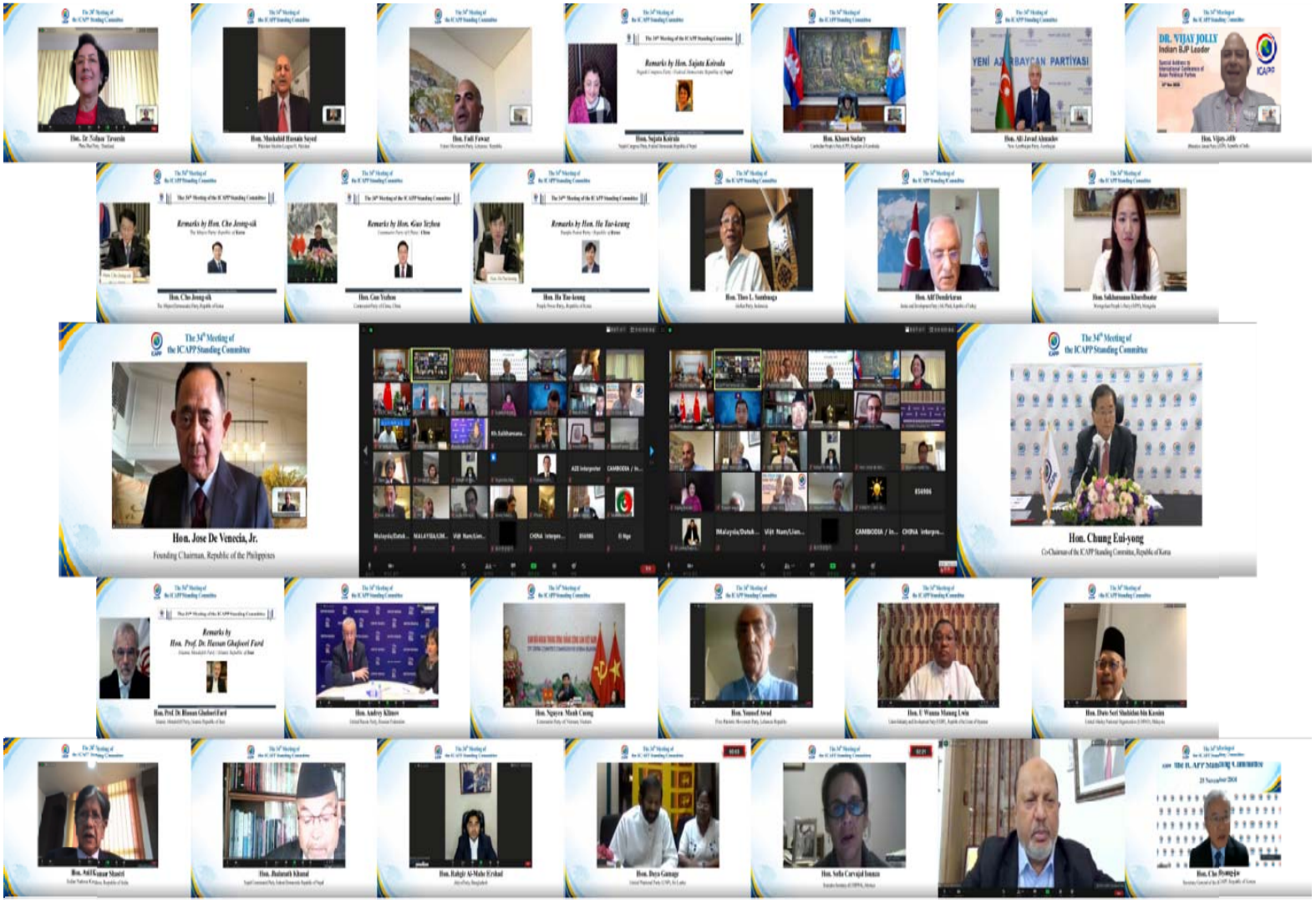
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History of the ICAPP Standing Committee Meetings

2020	November	34th SC Meeting *Venue:* Online Conference
2019	December	33rd SC Meeting *Venue:* Terengganu, Malaysia
	April	32nd SC Meeting *Venue:* Colombo, Sri Lanka
2018	October	31st SC Meeting *Venue:* Moscow, Russian Federation
	May	30th SC Meeting *Venue:* London, United Kingdom
	February	29th SC Meeting *Venue:* Tehran, Iran
2017	July	28th SC Meeting *Venue:* Seoul, Republic of Korea
2016	November	Informal SC Meeting *Venue:* Istanbul, Turkey
	September	27th SC Meeting *Venue:* Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
	April	26th SC Meeting *Venue:* Jakarta, Indonesia
2015	October	25th SC Meeting *Venue:* Beijing, China
	March	24th SC Meeting *Venue:* Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2014	September	23rd SC Meeting *Venue:* Colombo, Sri Lanka
	May	22nd SC Meeting *Venue:* Vladivostok, Russia
2013	November	21st SC Meeting *Venue:* Ankara, Turkey
	September	Informal SC Meeting *Venue:* Seoul, Republic of Korea
	May	20th SC Meeting *Venue:* Xi'an, China
	April	19th SC Meeting *Venue:* Hanoi, Vietnam
2012	November	18th SC Meeting *Venue:* Baku, Azerbaijan
	June	17th SC Meeting *Venue:* Baku, Azerbaijan
2011	October	16th SC Meeting *Venue:* Seoul, Republic of Korea
	September	Special SC Meeting *Venue:* Nanning, China
	May	15th SC Meeting *Venue:* Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2010	December	14th SC Meeting *Venue:* Phnom Penh, Cambodia
	July	13rd SC Meeting *Venue:* Kunming, China
	February	12nd SC Meeting *Venue:* Kathmandu, Nepal
2009	September	11st SC Meeting *Venue:* Astana, Kazakhstan
	March	10th SC Meeting *Venue:* Astana, Kazakhstan
2008	March	9th SC Meeting *Venue:* Islamabad, Pakistan
2007	November	8th SC Meeting *Venue:* Tehran, Iran
	February	7th SC Meeting *Venue:* Seoul, Republic of Korea
2006	September	6th SC Meeting *Venue:* Seoul, Republic of Korea
	June	5th SC Meeting *Venue:* Seoul, Republic of Korea
2005	May	4th SC Meeting *Venue:* Seoul, Republic of Korea
2004	September	3rd SC Meeting *Venue:* Beijing, China
2002	November	2nd SC Meeting *Venue:* Bangkok, Thailand
2000	September	1st SC Meeting *Venue:* Manila, Philippines

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The 34th Meeting (hereinafter referred to as "the Meeting") of the Standing Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the SC") of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (hereinafter referred to as "the ICAPP") was held as an online conference on 25 November 2020 due to travel restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Meeting began and closed with remarks by Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founding Chairman and Former Speaker of the House of Representatives of Philippines, and was presided by Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the SC and Special Advisor to the President for Foreign Affairs and National Security of the Republic of Korea.

Documents for the Meeting, including the program, list of participants, list of speakers, annotated agenda and rules of procedure, are attached as ***Appendixes I-1*** through ***I-5.***

Issues Relating to the ICAPP Standing Committee (SC)

New Members of the SC

SC Members acknowledged that there have been six changes to the SC Membership since the 33rd Meeting held in Terengganu, Malaysia in December 2019. They welcomed the new SC Members and expressed their appreciation to the departing SC Members for their contributions to the ICAPP activities.

First, as was informed by the ICAPP Update 20-18 on 30 October 2020, after the results of the legislative elections held on 15 April 2020, SC members from the Republic of Korea have been replaced as follows as of 1 June 2020: Hon. Cho Jeong-sik, Member of the National Assembly from the *Minjoo* (Democratic) Party, Chairperson of ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the National Assembly, Republic of Korea, has replaced Hon. Park Young-sun. Also, Hon. Ha Tae-Keung, Member of the National Assembly from the People Power Party and Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the National Assembly, Republic of Korea, has replaced Hon. Dr. Lee Hye-hoon.

Second, as was informed by the ICAPP Update 20-21 on 13 November 2020, Hon. Charles Honoris, Deputy Chairman of the Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation Body of Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (*PDI-P*), Member of Parliament in Commission I (Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense), has replaced Hon. Andreas Pareira as the representative to the ICAPP SC.

Third, as was informed by the ICAPP Update 20-22 on 18 November 2020, Hon. Efkan Ala, Deputy Chairman and Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Department of the *AK Parti* (Justice and Development Party), Member of Parliament for Bursa, Former Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Turkey, has replaced Hon. Cevdet Yilmaz as the representative to the ICAPP SC.

Fourth, as was informed by the ICAPP Update 20-24 on 20 November 2020, Hon. Rahgir

Al-Mahe Ershad, Member of the Standing Committee on Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Member of Parliament of Bangladesh, Joint Secretary of the Central Committee of the *Jatiya* Party, has been designated as the representative to the ICAPP SC.

Lastly, Hon. Anand Sharma, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Department of the Indian National Congress, has replaced Hon. Karan Singh as the representative to the ICAPP SC. However, the ICAPP Secretariat (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretariat") has yet to receive an official confirmation of the nomination from the Indian National Congress. The Secretariat will circulate an update once the letter has been received.

The updated list of SC Members is attached as ***Appendix II***. Official letters of appointment of new SC Members are also attached as ***Appendixes III-1*** through ***III-5***.

Appointment of the New Secretary General

Hon. Cho Byung-jae, former Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Malaysia and to Myanmar, and former Chancellor for the Korea National Diplomatic Academy (KNDA), has been appointed by the SC as the new Secretary General of the ICAPP as of 12 October 2020, replacing Ambassador Park Ro-byug, in accordance with Article 13 of the ICAPP Charter.

SC Members welcomed Ambassador Cho Byung-jae and expressed their appreciation to Ambassador Park Ro-byug for his contributions to the ICAPP activities.

The ICAPP Updates 20-14 and 20-15 relating to the appointment of the new Secretary General are attached as ***Appendixes IV-1*** and ***IV-2.***

Future Meetings of the SC

SC Members agreed that plans for the 35th and 36th SC Meetings in 2021 will be determined depending on future developments of the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting travel restrictions. They also agreed that if the global situation does not improve, it would be appropriate to organize these meetings as online conferences during the first and third quarters of 2021.

In this regard, Hon. Cho Jeong-sik, Member of the National Assembly from the *Minjoo* (Democratic) Party, Chairperson of ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the National Assembly, Republic of Korea, expressed the willingness to host one of the SC Meetings to be held next year in the Republic of Korea should circumstances around the COVID-19 pandemic permit.

Review of the ICAPP Activities Since the 33rd SC Meeting in December 2019

1st Meeting of Tourism Promotion and Inter-City (TOPIC) Council

The Secretariat reported that the 1st Meeting of Tourism Promotion and Inter-City (TOPIC) Council had been successfully co-hosted by *Parti Islam Se-Malaysia* (*PAS*), the United Malays National Organization (UMNO), and the State of Terengganu in

Terengganu, Malaysia during 13-16 December 2019.

The meeting was attended by representatives of 28 political parties from 20 countries and 2 observers, Council of African Political Parties (CAPP) and International Ecological Safety Cooperative Organization (IESCO). During the meeting, the participants exchanged their views on the following themes:

- The roles of political parties for promoting close cooperation for sustainable and dynamic tourism;
- Cooperation in the tourism sector to generate human resources, job opportunities, and a spillover effect in education and healthcare;
- Supporting smart inter-city technology for an innovative tourism community;
- Facilitating the development of niche tourism "The 7-Summit Mountaineering Expedition Initiative for Peace and Integration."

1st Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Secretariat reported that the 1st Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic was held on 22 May 2020 on the topic of "The Impact of the COVID-19 and the Role of Asian Political Parties." The video conference was attended by representatives of 19 political parties from 14 countries and 2 observers, Permanent Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and Caribbean (*COPPPAL*) and Council of African Political Parties (CAPP).

During the conference, participants discussed the responsibility of policy makers in leading the effort against the COVID-19 pandemic and pledged their commitment to facilitating regional and global cooperation. They also acknowledged the need to hold additional conferences on the COVID-19 pandemic until the situation globally returned to normal.

The list of participants and the "Statement for the Special Video Conference on COVID-19 Pandemic (1)" are attached as ***Appendixes V-1*** and ***V-2***.

Tentative Work Program for 2021

SC Members agreed to the tentative work program for 2021, which had been prepared and circulated by the Secretariat in advance of the Meeting, with the following suggestions:

a. *35th and 36th Meetings of the ICAPP Standing Committee (Q1 and Q3 of 2021)*
b. *2nd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC) (Online, Q1 of 2021)*
c. *Special Video Conference on Women's Empowerment (Online, February 2021)*
d. *2nd Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic (Online, March 2021)*
e. *4th Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF) (Prague, Czech Republic, 21-23 May 2021)*
f. *Special Conference on Peace and Cooperation: "Peace and Cooperation Dialogue" (Baku, Azerbaijan, Q2/Q3 2021)*
g. *11th General Assembly, 4th Trilateral Meeting among the ICAPP-COPPPAL-*

CAPP, 5th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum (Istanbul, Turkey, 17-20 September 2021)

h. *2nd Meeting of the ICAPP Tourism Promotion and Inter-City Cooperation (TOPIC) Council (Tunis, Tunisia, previously scheduled for 13-15 November 2020 but yet to be rescheduled or Istanbul, Turkey, 17-19 September 2021)*
i. *6th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing and 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing (Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, October 2021)*

The tentative work program for 2021 is attached as ***Appendix VI***.

Preparations for the 11th General Assembly (GA) and Reminder of the 20th Founding Anniversary of the ICAPP

Proposal from the AK Parti

In January of 2020, the *AK Parti* (Justice and Development Party) of Turkey expressed their willingness to host the 11th GA in conjunction with the SC meeting, the ICAPP Media Forum and the Trilateral Meeting of the ICAPP-*COPPPAL*-CAPP. Initially, the *AK Parti* suggested that these meetings take place in October or November of 2020. In addition, the idea of hosting an event back-to-back with the 11th GA to commemorate the ICAPP's 20th Founding Anniversary, which falls on this year, was suggested during the previous SC meeting.

However, since then, all communications on this item have been suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In this regard, the Secretariat requested SC Members to provide suggestions on rescheduling the 11th GA next year.

Hon. Afif Demirkıran, Deputy Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Department of *AK Parti*, Former Member of Parliament and Co-Chairman of Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee, on behalf of Hon. Efkan Ala, Deputy Chairman and Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Department of *AK Parti*, Member of Parliament for Bursa, Former Minister of the Interior of Turkey, renewed *AK Parti*'s proposal to host the 11th GA in Istanbul, Turkey in 2021. He suggested that the meeting take place during 17-20 September 2021 in commemoration of the 1st ICAPP meeting, which took place in September 2000 in Manila, Philippines.

In addition, Hon. Afif Demirkıran maintained *AK Parti*'s previous suggestion to host the ICAPP Media Forum and the Trilateral Meeting of the ICAPP-*COPPPAL*-CAPP as sideline meetings at the 11th GA. At the same time, if the Council of African Political Parties (CAPP) is no longer able to host the next TOPIC Council Meeting, he said the *AK Parti* would be interested in hosting it instead of one of the aforementioned sideline meetings. Previously the CAPP had proposed to host the 2nd ICAPP TOPIC Council Meeting in Tunis, Tunisia during 13-15 November 2020. Since then, the Secretariat has followed up with CAPP for updates on the meeting, but has yet to hear back.

Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Vice Chairperson and Special Rapporteur of the SC, Chairperson of Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Pakistan Muslim League-N, recommended that a belated celebration of the 20th Founding Anniversary of the ICAPP

still take place at the 11th GA in Istanbul, Turkey. He also proposed that the following two events take place concurrently with the 11th GA: First, he suggested a peace lecture honoring the Founding Chairman Jose de Venecia, Jr. as part of the 20th Founding Anniversary celebration. The ICAPP could invite the Director-General of WHO, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, to the event to speak about the challenges for Asia during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. Second, since Istanbul is a major tourism hub, he proposed that the next TOPIC Council Meeting also take place in conjunction with the 11th GA.

Hon. Afif Demirkıran, supported both proposals and responded that the *AK Parti* would work with the Secretariat to make appropriate arrangements.

Hon. Nguyen Manh Cuong, Vice Chairman of the Commission for External Relations of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, stressed that the 20th Founding Anniversary of the ICAPP was an important and significant milestone and recommended that the SC make efforts to celebrate this event as soon as the situation permits.

Hon. Dr. Andrey Klimov, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP SC and Deputy Secretary General of the United Russia Party on International Affairs, Russian Federation, informed SC Members that the elections for the State *Duma*, the federal assembly of Russia, will be taking place on 12 September 2021. As such, he requested SC Members to take this event into consideration when finalizing the dates of the GA.

The letter from the *AK Parti* to host the 11th GA is attached as ***Appendix VII***.

Activities of the ICAPP-affiliated Bodies

The 4th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF)

SC Members were informed through the ICAPP Update 20-11 on 16 June 2020 that the 4th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum had been postponed to 21-23 May 2021 and was to be held in Prague, Czech Republic. The dates had been suggested by Hon. Jan Zahradil, Member of the European Parliament and Member of the Bureau of the European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR), and confirmed after consultations with SC Members.

The ICAPP Update 20-11 relating to plans for the AEPF Meeting is attached as ***Appendix VIII***.

The 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing and the 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing

In December 2019, the Mongolian People's Party offered to host the 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing and the 7th Meeting of the Women's Wing in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, during 20-22 April 2020. Since then, the meetings have been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In this regard, Hon. Saikhansanaa Khurelbaatar reiterated her party's wish to host the 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing and the 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in October 2021. Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Mongolian People's Party.

The previous letter of invitation and request for postponement of the meetings from the Mongolian People's Party are attached as ***Appendixes IX-1*** and ***IX-2***.

The 2nd Meeting of the ICAPP Tourism Promotion and Inter-City Cooperation (TOPIC) Council

At the 1st ICAPP TOPIC Council Meeting, which took place in Terengganu, Malaysia during 13-16 December 2019, Mr. Mohamed Yousif Abdalla Mohamed, Deputy Secretary General of Council of African Political Parties (CAPP), proposed that the ICAPP and CAPP organize a joint Africa-Asia tourism promotion cooperation in 2020. He added that the Economic Council of CAPP will coordinate with the Secretariat to determine the date and venue of the conference. In this regard, Mr. Amor Belkhiria, President of the Economic Council of CAPP, invited the ICAPP to co-organize a meeting between Africa and Asia in Tunisia.

In the follow-up correspondences between the Secretariat and the Economic Council of CAPP, the timing of the meeting was tentatively scheduled for 13-15 November 2020. Since then, the ICAPP Secretariat has followed up with CAPP for updates on the meeting but has yet to hear back. As such, the Secretariat requested SC Members for proposals or suggestions for future TOPIC Council meetings.

In this regard, Hon. Afif Demirkıran, Deputy Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Department of *AK Parti*, Former Member of Parliament and Co-Chairman of Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee, stated that the *AK Parti* would welcome the opportunity to host the next TOPIC Council Meeting in addition to the 11th GA if the CAPP is no longer able to host the meeting.

The 2nd Asian Cultural Council (ACC) Meeting

Hon. Khuon Sudary, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP SC, Chairperson of the ACC and Member of the Standing Committee of the Cambodian People's Party, reported on the recent activities and future plans of the ACC. She informed SC Members that the ACC had built institutional partnerships with several organizations, including the UNESCO, Organization of World Heritage Cities and the provincial government of Gyeongsangbuk-do in the Republic of Korea.

Hon. Khuon Sudary also added that the ACC had implemented the TECHO 100 Model Villages Project in cooperation with the Civil Society Alliance Forum and the Asian Vision Institute. Asian Development Bank (ADB) had agreed to contribute three million U.S. dollars to the Royal Government of Cambodia for piloting this project.

With regards to future activities, Hon. Khuon Sudary informed SC Members that the ACC was planning to organize the 2nd ACC Meeting in the first quarter of 2021 under the theme of "Harnessing Culture and Innovation for Shared Prosperity During and After

the COVID-19 Pandemic." The meeting will be conducted virtually and all ICAPP Members will be invited.

ICAPP Program for Disasters Assistance (IPDA) Activities

The last meeting of the ICAPP Program for Disaster Assistance (IPDA) Steering Committee took place on 2 September 2016 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Since then, numerous natural disasters have occurred in Asia, including the devastating floods in Jakarta and the eruption of the Taal Volcano, which resulted in mass evacuations of over 300,000 people in the Philippines this year. In this regard, SC Members were requested to submit any suggestions on the continuation and reinvigoration of IPDA activities.

ICAPP Special Conferences

The 2nd Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic

SC Members agreed to the Secretariat's proposal to hold the 2nd Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic during the first quarter of 2021 in the same format as last time over an online platform.

In response, Hon. Ha Tae-Keung, Member of the National Assembly from the People Power Party and Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union of the National Assembly, Republic of Korea, emphasized the need to hold follow-up discussions given the importance of international cooperation during the crisis.

Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Vice Chairperson and Special Rapporteur of the SC, Chairperson of Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Pakistan Muslim League-N, suggested that the Secretariat host the 2nd Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic in March 2021, which would mark one year since the global outbreak of the pandemic. He also suggested that the meeting focus on three areas: First, vaccine development and equitable distribution featuring remarks by representatives from WHO and other experts; Second, poverty alleviation and revival of the economy; Third, online work culture, given how the COVID-19 pandemic has transformed the working lives of people.

The draft concept paper that the Secretariat prepared and circulated in advance of the Meeting for discussions on the 2nd Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic is attached as ***Appendix X***.

Special Video Conference on Women's Empowerment

Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveesin, Former Thailand Trade Representative, Former Minister Attached to the Prime Minister's Office, *Pheu Thai* Party, proposed to hold an online conference in February 2021 on the topic of empowering women during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Special Conference on Peace and Cooperation: "Peace and Cooperation Dialogue"

Hon. Ali Javad Ahmadov, Deputy Prime Minster of Azerbaijan and Deputy Chairman of

New Azerbaijan Party, emphasized the importance of designing and promoting international law and mechanisms so that they can truly be effective. He supported the initiative to reflect on international management and principles of law. He also called for the ICAPP's participation in this initiative. In particular, he suggested hosting a special conference on peace and cooperation, "Peace and Cooperation Dialogue," in the middle of 2021. He stated that the New Azerbaijan Party would host this conference in Baku, Azerbaijan in support of the ICAPP.

Other Issues

Cooperation with Political Parties Outside of Asia

During the Meeting, Ms. Sofía Carvajal Isunza, Executive Secretary of the Permanent Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and Caribbean (*COPPPAL*) on behalf of Hon. Alejandro Moreno Cárdenas, President of *COPPPAL*, reiterated the importance of continuing the collaboration between Asia and Latin America through activities of the ICAPP and *COPPPAL*. She also emphasized the importance of strengthening the system of party representation by maintaining the validity of multilateral institutions.

Separately, during the 33rd SC Meeting, some SC Members had proposed to expand the ICAPP's global outreach by inviting political parties from North America as observers to the ICAPP meetings such as AEPF. In this regard, it was also advised that the SC proceed with next year's AEPF meeting without inviting political parties from North America given the region's polarized political situation.

Improvements on the ICAPP Secretariat Website

The Secretariat informed SC Members that the ICAPP website (www.theicapp.org) had been upgraded with a new design and website management system since 10 July 2020. The Secretariat also reported that it was open to comments and feedback from SC Members in an effort to continue developing and maintaining the website.

In this regard Hon. Guo Yezhou, Vice Chairperson of the SC, Vice Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, proposed that a dedicated column be added to a highly visible section of the website to provide overviews and updates on political parties. He stated that this would encourage sharing of governance experiences and allow timely communication of important developments of individual parties. He also commented that this feature would go a long way in promoting better understanding and communication among SC Members.

The Creation of a WhatsApp Group Among SC Members

Hon. Vijay Jolly, President of Delhi Study Group, Senior Indian Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Leader, Republic of India, suggested that in keeping with modern times, the ICAPP leadership should have access to an ICAPP *WhatsApp* group, through which they can share activities and updates from their respective countries. He asked that the Secretariat take the lead in the execution of this request.

The Creation of a Task Force, "The Five Security Members of the ICAPP"

Hon. Youssef Awad, Coordinator for Asia and Overseas, Free Patriotic Movement Party, Lebanese Republic, reiterated a proposal he had previously made during the 10th GA, which took place during 24-27 October in Moscow, Russia. He proposed to form a task force called "The Five Security Members of the ICAPP" to promote peace and to provide solutions to unexpected international situations. He suggested that the task force be comprised of four SC Members representing East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, and Western Asia and a fifth member representing Europe, South America or Africa depending on the urgent situation.

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(Wednesday, 25 November 2020)

[Korea Stand Time (KST)]

15:00-15:03 **Opening Session**
- Opening Remarks by Hon. Jose De Venecia, Jr., Founding Chairman, Former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Republic of the **Philippines**

15:03-15:05 - Welcoming remarks by Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Special Advisor to the President for Foreign Affairs and National Security, Republic of **Korea**

15:05-15:08 - Briefing by Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary General of the ICAPP, Former Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Malaysia and Myanmar, Former Chancellor of Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Republic of **Korea**

15:08-16:33 **Plenary Session I**
All SC Members will be allocated three (3) minutes each initially for their remarks in the order of email requests received by the ICAPP Secretariat. SC Members who did not sign up to speak will have to wait for their turns until everyone on the Speaker List has finished.

16:33-17:33 **Plenary Session II**
After everyone on the Speaker List has finished, SC Members may have an additional two (2) minutes to comment or respond if they choose to do so.

17:33-17:36 **Closing Session**
- Conclusion by Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary General of the ICAPP, Former Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Malaysia and Myanmar, Former Chancellor of Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Republic of **Korea**

17:36-17:37 - Closing Remarks by Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Special Advisor to the President for Foreign Affairs and National Security, Republic of **Korea**

17:37-17:40 - Closing Remarks by Hon. Jose De Venecia, Jr., Founding Chairman, Former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Republic of the **Philippines**

Appendix I-2:

List of Participants
for the 34th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee
(Wednesday, 25 November 2020)

1. Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee (30)

● Hon. Ali Javad Ahmadov, Deputy Prime Minster, Deputy Chairman of New Azerbaijan Party, **Azerbaijan**

● Hon. Abdul Matin Khasru, Member of Parliament, Member of the Presidium, Bangladesh *Awami* League, Former Minister of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, **Bangladesh**

● Hon. Rahgir Al-Mahe Ershad, Member of Parliament, Member of the Standing Committee on Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in Bangladesh National Parliament and Joint Secretary of the Central Committee of the *Jatiya* Party, **Bangladesh**

● Hon. Khuon Sudary, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Chairperson of the Asian Cultural Council and Member of the Standing Committee of the Cambodian People's Party, Kingdom of **Cambodia**

● Hon. Guo Yezhou, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Vice Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of **China**

● Hon. Vijay Jolly, President of Delhi Study Group, Senior Indian *Bharatiya Janata Party* (*BJP*) Leader, Republic of **India**

● Hon. Anil Kumar Shastri, Chairman of Hindi Department in All India Congress Committee of the Indian National Congress, on behalf of Hon. Anand Sharma, Member of Parliament, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Department of the Indian National Congress, Republic of **India**

● Hon. Charles Honoris, Deputy Chairman of Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation Body of Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (*PDI-P*), Member of Parliament in Commission 1 (Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense), **Indonesia**

● Hon. Theo L. Sambuaga, Vice Chairman of the Patron Council of *Golkar* Party, Former Minister of Manpower and Former Minister of Housing and Settlement, **Indonesia**

● Hon. Prof. Dr. Hassan Ghafoori Fard, Founding President of the Foundation for Islamic Development, Former Vice President of Iran, Member of the Central Committee of Islamic *Motalefeh* Party, Islamic Republic of **Iran**

● Hon. Cho Jeong-sik, Member of the National Assembly from the *Minjoo* (Democratic) Party, Member of the Science, ICT (Information & Communication Technologies), Broadcasting and Communications Committee and Chairperson of ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the National Assembly, Republic of **Korea**

● Hon. Ha Tae-keung, Member of the National Assembly from the People Power Party, Member of the National Defense Committee and Vice Chairperson of ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the National Assembly, Republic of **Korea**

● Hon. Youssef Awad, Coordinator for Asia and Overseas from the Free Patriotic Movement Party, **Lebanese Republic**

● Hon. Fadi Fawaz, Advisor for Development Affairs to Prime Minister and Chairman of Future Movement Party Saad Hariri, **Lebanese Republic**

● Hon. Dato Seri Shahidan bin Kassim, Member of Parliament, United Malays National Organization (UMNO), Former Minister in the Office of Prime Minister, **Malaysia**

● Hon. Datuk Chong Sin Woon, Secretary-General of Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA), **Malaysia**

● Hon. Saikhansanaa Khurelbaatar, Advisor to Secretary General of Mongolian People's Party (MPP), Vice President of Social Democratic Mongolian Youth Association, **Mongolia**

● Hon. U Wunna Maung Lwin, Central Executive Committee Member in charge of International Relations Committee, Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) and Former Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of the Union of **Myanmar**

● Hon. Jhalanath Khanal, Former Prime Minister, Nepal Communist Party, Federal Democratic Republic of **Nepal**

● Hon. Sujata Koirala, Member of Parliament from the Nepali Congress Party, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Federal Democratic Republic of **Nepal**

● Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Vice Chairperson and Special Rapporteur of the Standing Committee, Chairperson of Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Pakistan Muslim League-N, **Pakistan**

● Hon. Jose De Venecia, Jr., Founding Chairman, Former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Republic of the **Philippines**

● Hon. Andrey Klimov, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Deputy Secretary General of the United Russia Party on International Affairs, **Russian Federation**

● Hon. Daya Gamage, Senior Deputy Chairman of the United National Party (UNP), Former Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment, **Sri Lanka**

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

● Hon. Prakob Chirakiti, Former Member of Parliament and Former Vice Minister attached to the Prime Minister's Office, on behalf of Hon. Chamni Sakdiset, Former Member of Parliament and Deputy Leader of the Democrat Party, Kingdom of **Thailand**

● Hon. Afif Demirkıran, Deputy Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Department of *AK Parti*, Former Member of Parliament and Co-Chairman of Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee, on behalf of Hon. Efkan Ala, Deputy Chairman and Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Department of *AK Parti*, Member of Parliament for Bursa, Former Minister of the Interior of **Turkey**

● Hon. Nguyen Manh Cuong, Vice Chairman of the Commission for External Relations of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of **Vietnam**

● Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Special Advisor to the President for Foreign Affairs and National Security, Republic of **Korea**

● Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary General of the ICAPP, Former Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Malaysia and Myanmar, Former Chancellor of Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Republic of **Korea**

2. **Accompanying Delegates (16)**

- **New Azerbaijan Party (1)**
- Hon. Sevinj Fataliyeva, Member of Parliament and Head of the International Relations Department of the New Azerbaijan Party

- **Cambodian People's Party, Cambodia (1)**
- Mr. Eng Kokthay, Advisor to the President of Senate

- ***Golkar* Party, Indonesia (1)**
- Madam Ambassador Iris Indira Murti, Patron Council Member of *Golkar* Party

- **Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA), Malaysia (2)**
- Mr. Dr. Tee Ching Seng, Chairman of MCA International Communication & Diplomacy Bureau
- Mr. Dato' Lim Chin Hai, MCA Headquarters Chief Administrative Director

- **Mongolian People's Party, Mongolia (1)**
- Mr. Tselmuun Manlaijav, Head of Department of International Relations of Mongolian People's Party

- **Nepal Communist Party, Nepal (1)**
- Mr. Yogendra Bahadur Shahi, Member of the Karnali Provincial Planning Commission, Member of Karnali Provincial Committee of the Nepal Communist Party

- **Pakistan Muslim League-N, Pakistan (1)**
- Mr. Mustafa Sayed, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Youth Wing, Youth Representative of Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz-N) (PML-N), Executive Director of Pakistan-China Institute (PCI)

- **The United Russia Party, Russian Federation (1)**
- Ms. Valeriya Gorokhova, Head of the International Relations Department of the United Russia Party

- **Communist Party, Vietnam (3)**
- Mr. Ngo Le Van, General Director of the Research and General Political Affairs Department, Central Commission for External Relations of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV)
- Mr. Trinh Thuong Truong An, Expert of the Research and General Political Affairs Department, Central Commission for External Relations of the CPV
- Mr. Nguyen Duy Phuong, Expert of the Research and General Political Affairs Department, Central Commission for External Relations of the CPV

- **ICAPP Secretariat (4)**
- Ms. Park Hyun-ryang, Director of the Secretariat
- Ms. Jeong Sang-myoung, Administrative Officer
- Ms. Lee Seojin, Program Director
- Mr. Kim Deok-su, Program Officer

3. Observers (1)

- **Permanent Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and Caribbean (*COPPPAL*) (1)**
- Ms. Sofía Carvajal Isunza, Executive Secretary on behalf of Hon. Alejandro Moreno Cárdenas, President of the *COPPPAL*, **Mexico**

Appendix I-3:

List of Speakers for the 34th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee (Wednesday, 25 November 2020)

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

2. Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Vice Chairperson and Special Rapporteur of the Standing Committee, Chairperson of Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Pakistan Muslim League-N, **Pakistan**

3. Hon. Fadi Fawaz, Advisor for Development Affairs to Prime Minister and Chairman of Future Movement Party Saad Hariri, **Lebanese Republic**

4. Hon. Sujata Koirala, Member of Parliament from the Nepali Congress Party, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Federal Democratic Republic of **Nepal**

5. Hon. Khuon Sudary, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Chairperson of the Asian Cultural Council and Member of the Standing Committee of the Cambodian People's Party, Kingdom of **Cambodia**

6. Hon. Ali Javad Ahmadov, Deputy Prime Minster, Deputy Chairman of New Azerbaijan Party, **Azerbaijan**

7. Hon. Vijay Jolly, President of Delhi Study Group, Senior Indian *Bharatiya Janata Party* (*BJP*) Leader, Republic of **India**

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10. Hon. Ha Tae-keung, Member of the National Assembly from the People Power Party, Member of the National Defense Committee and Vice Chairperson of ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the National Assembly, Republic of **Korea**

11. Hon. Theo L. Sambuaga, Vice Chairman of the Patron Council of *Golkar* Party, Former Minister of Manpower and Former Minister of Housing and Settlement**, Indonesia**

12. Hon. Afif Demirkıran, Deputy Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Department of *AK Parti*, Former Member of Parliament and Co-Chairman of Turkey-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee, on behalf of Hon. Efkan Ala, Deputy Chairman and Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Department of *AK Parti*, Member of Parliament for Bursa, Former Minister of the Interior of **Turkey**

13. Hon. Saikhansanaa Khurelbaatar, Advisor to Secretary General of Mongolian People's Party (MPP), Vice President of Social Democratic Mongolian Youth Association, **Mongolia**

14. Hon. Prof. Dr. Hassan Ghafoori Fard, Founding President of the Foundation for Islamic Development, Former Vice President of Iran, Member of the Central Committee of Islamic *Motalefeh* Party, Islamic Republic of **Iran**

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16. Hon. Nguyen Manh Cuong, Vice Chairman of the Commission for External Relations of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of **Vietnam**

17. Hon. Youssef Awad, Coordinator for Asia and Overseas from the Free Patriotic Movement Party, **Lebanese Republic**

18. Hon. U Wunna Maung Lwin, Central Executive Committee Member in charge of International Relations Committee, Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) and Former Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of the Union of **Myanmar**

19. Hon. Dato Seri Shahidan bin Kassim, Member of Parliament, United Malays National Organization (UMNO), Former Minister in the Office of Prime Minister, **Malaysia**

20. Hon. Anil Kumar Shastri, Chairman of Hindi Department in All India Congress Committee of the Indian National Congress, on behalf of Hon. Anand Sharma, Member of Parliament, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Department of the Indian National Congress, Republic of **India**

21. Hon. Jhalanath Khanal, Former Prime Minister, Nepal Communist Party, Federal Democratic Republic of **Nepal**

22. Hon. Rahgir Al-Mahe Ershad, Member of Parliament, Member of the Standing Committee on Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in Bangladesh National Parliament and Joint Secretary of the Central Committee of the *Jatiya* Party, **Bangladesh**

23. Hon. Daya Gamage, Senior Deputy Chairman of the United National Party (UNP), Former Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment, **Sri Lanka**

24. Ms. Sofía Carvajal Isunza, Executive Secretary on behalf of Hon. Alejandro Moreno Cárdenas, President of the *COPPPAL*, **Mexico**

25. Hon. Abdul Matin Khasru, Member of Parliament, Member of the Presidium, Bangladesh *Awami* League, Former Minister of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, **Bangladesh**

Appendix I-4:

Annotated Agenda
for the 34th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee
(Video Conference, 25 November 2020)

I. Issues relating to the ICAPP Standing Committee (SC)

New Members of the SC

As was informed by the ICAPP Update 20-18 of 30 October 2020, after the results of the legislative elections held on 15 April 2020, SC members from the Republic of Korea have been replaced as follows as of 1 June 2020: Hon. Cho Jeong-sik, Member of the National Assembly from the *Minjoo* Party (Democratic Party) and Chairperson of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union, has replaced Hon. Park Young-sun. Also, Hon. Ha Tae-Keung, Member of the National Assembly from the People Power Party and Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union, has replaced Hon. Dr. Lee Hye-hoon.

As was informed by the ICAPP Update 20-21 of 13 November 2020, Hon. Charles Honoris, Deputy Chairman of Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation Body of Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDI-P), Member of Parliament in Commission 1 (Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense), has replaced Hon. Andreas Pareira as the representative to the ICAPP Standing Committee.

As was informed by the ICAPP Update 20-22 of 18 November 2020, Hon. Efkan Ala, Deputy Chairman and Chairman of Foreign Affairs of the *AK Parti* (Justice and Development Party), Member of Parliament for Bursa, Former Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Turkey, has replaced Hon. Cevdet Yimaz as the representative to the ICAPP Standing Committee.

As was informed by the ICAPP Update 20-24 of 20 November 2020, Hon. Rahgir Al-Mahe Ershad, Member of the Standing Committee on Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in Bangladesh National Parliament, Joint Secretary of the Central Committee of the *Jatiya* Party, has been nominated as the new representative to the ICAPP Standing Committee.

On 13 May 2020, Hon. Anil Shastri, Chairman of Hindi Department in the All India Congress Committee of the Indian National Congress party, communicated to the ICAPP Secretariat that Hon. Karan Singh would be replaced by Hon. Anand Sharma, Chairman of Foreign Affairs Department of the Indian National Congress party, as the new representative to the ICAPP Standing Committee. Since 17 June 2020, the Secretariat has sent a number of requests to the Indian National Congress party for an official confirmation, but has yet to hear back. As such, on 30 October 2020, the ICAPP Secretariat asked Hon. Anil Kumar Shastri, who has participated in SC meetings on behalf of Hon. Karan Singh in the past, to participate in the 34th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee as an Acting SC member until the Indian National Congress party officially confirms the new appointment.

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

Appointment of the New Secretary General

In accordance with the ICAPP Updates 20-13 and 20-14, Ambassador Cho Byung-jae, Former Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Malaysia and to Myanmar, and former Chancellor for the Korea National Diplomatic Academy (KNDA), has been appointed by the Standing Committee as the new Secretary General of the ICAPP.

The ICAPP Updates 20-13 and 20-14 are attached as ***Appendixes II-1 and II-2.***

Next Meeting of the SC

Plans for the 35th SC meeting during the first half of 2021 will be decided depending on future developments of the COVID-19 Pandemic and travel restrictions. If the global situation does not improve, the ICAPP Secretariat deems it appropriate to organize the next SC Meeting via an online platform during the first quarter of 2021.

II. Review of the ICAPP Activities Since the 33rd SC Meeting in December 2019

1st Meeting of Tourism Promotion and Inter-City (TOPIC) Council

The 1st Meeting of Tourism Promotion and Inter-City (TOPIC) Council was successfully co-hosted in Terengganu, Malaysia by *Parti Islam Se-Malaysia* (*PAS*), the United Malays National Organization (UMNO), and the State of Terengganu during 13-16 December 2019. The meeting was attended by representatives of 28 political parties from 20 countries and 2 observers, Council of African Political Parties (CAPP) and International Ecological Safety Cooperative Organization (IESCO).

During the meeting, the ICAPP Members exchanged their views on the following themes:

- The roles of political parties for promoting close cooperation for sustainable and dynamic tourism;
- Cooperation in the tourism sector to generate human resources, job opportunities, and a spillover effect in education and healthcare;
- Supporting smart inter-city technology for an innovative tourism community;
- Facilitating the development of niche tourism "The 7-Summit Mountaineering Expedition Initiative for Peace and Integration."

The ICAPP Members expressed their gratitude to the people and the Government of Malaysia for their strong commitment to the promotion of sustainable tourism. They also gave special thanks to Hon. Dato' Seri Dr. Shahidan, Member of Parliament (UMNO), Hon. Dato' Seri Dr. Ahmad Samsuri bin Mokhtar, Chief Minister of Terengganu, the Terengganu State Government, *Parti Islam Se Malaysia* (*PAS*) and UMNO for their hospitality and excellent preparations for the 1st Meeting of TOPIC Council.

The program, list of participants and the Terengganu Statement are attached as ***Appendixes III-1, III-2 and III-3***.

1st Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic

On 22 May 2020, the ICAPP Secretariat hosted the 1st Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic, which focused on "the Impact of the COVID-19 and the Role of Asian Political Parties." 19 Members of the Standing Committee and 2 observers, Permanent Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and Caribbean (*COPPPAL*) and Council of African Political Parties (CAPP), participated in the conference.

During the conference, attendees discussed the responsibility of policy makers in leading the effort against the COVID-19 Pandemic and pledged their commitment to facilitating regional and global cooperation. They also acknowledged the need to hold additional conferences on the COVID-19 Pandemic until the situation globally returned to normal.

Please find the list of participants and the "Statement for the Special Video Conference on COVID-19 Pandemic (1)" attached as ***Appendix IV-1 and IV-2***.

III. ICAPP Work Program for 2021

The COVID-19 Pandemic has restrained all activities of the ICAPP in 2020. While several important meetings of the ICAPP such as the Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF) and Youth Wing and Women's Wing meetings have been rescheduled, the SC still needs to decide on future plans for other activities that were scheduled for 2020 but postponed thereafter.

Following is the ICAPP's tentative work program for 2021:

a. *35th and 36th Meetings of the ICAPP Standing Committee*
b. *11th General Assembly, 4th Trilateral Meeting among the ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP, 5th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum (Istanbul, Turkey, [previously scheduled for October or November of 2020])*
c. *4th Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF) (Prague, Czech Republic, 21-23 May 2021)*
d. *6th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing and 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing (Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, [previously scheduled for 20-22 April 2020])*
e. *2nd Meeting of the ICAPP Tourism Promotion and Inter-City Cooperation (TOPIC) Council (Tunis, Tunisia, [previously scheduled for 13-15 November 2020])*
f. *2nd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC)*
g. *2nd Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic (online, [January 2021])*

Please find ICAPP's tentative work program for 2021 attached as ***Appendix V***.

IV. Preparations for the 11th General Assembly (GA) and Reminder of the 20th Founding Anniversary of the ICAPP

Proposal from the AK Parti

In January of 2020, the *AK Parti* (Justice and Development Party) of Turkey expressed their willingness to host the 11th GA in conjunction with the Standing Committee meeting, the ICAPP Media Forum and the Trilateral Meeting of the ICAPP-*COPPPAL*-CAPP. Initially, the *AK Parti* suggested that these meetings take place in October or November of 2020.

However, since then, all communications on this item have been suspended due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. In this regard, the Secretariat is open to further suggestions from the SC, including the *AK Parti*, on rescheduling the 11th GA next year.

In addition, the idea of hosting an event back-to-back with the 11th GA to commemorate the ICAPP's 20th Founding Anniversary, which falls on this year, was suggested during the previous SC meeting. Therefore, the Secretariat also asks SC Members to share their thoughts in this regard.

The letter from the *AK Parti* to host the 11th GA is attached as ***Appendix VI***.

V. Activities of the ICAPP-affiliated Bodies

The 4th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF)

As was informed in the ICAPP Update 20-11 on 16 June 2020, the 4th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum was postponed to be held during 21-23 May 2021 in Prague, Czech Republic after consulting SC members on the possible dates suggested by Hon. Jan Zahradil, Member of the European Parliament and Member of the Bureau of the European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR).

The ICAPP Update 20-11 is attached as ***Appendix VII***.

The 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing and the 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing

In December 2019, the Mongolian People's Party offered to host the 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing and the 7th Meeting of the Women's Wing in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, during 20-22 April 2020. Since then, the meetings have been postponed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The ICAPP Secretariat has requested that the Mongolian People's Party propose new dates, which are yet to be confirmed.

The previous invitation from the Mongolian People's Party is attached as ***Appendix VIII***.

The 2nd Meeting of the ICAPP Tourism Promotion and Inter-City Cooperation (TOPIC) Council

As aforementioned, the 1st ICAPP TOPIC Council Meeting took place during 13-16 December 2019 in Terengganu, Malaysia. According to the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the ICAPP TOPIC Council, meetings will be held once a year and the ICAPP member who hosts the meeting may serve one term as Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson after the meeting.
At the 1st ICAPP TOPIC Council Meeting, Mr. Mohamed Yousif Abdalla Mohamed, Deputy Secretary General of Council of African Political Parties (CAPP), proposed that the ICAPP and CAPP organize a joint Africa-Asia tourism promotion cooperation in 2020. He added that the Economic Council of CAPP will coordinate with the ICAPP Secretariat to determine the date and venue of the conference. In this regard, Mr. Amor Belkhiria, President of the Economic Council of CAPP, invited the ICAPP to co-organize a meeting between Africa and Asia in Tunisia.

In the follow-up correspondences between the ICAPP Secretariat and the Economic Council of CAPP, the timing of the meeting was tentatively scheduled for 13-15 November 2020. Since then, the ICAPP Secretariat has followed up with CAPP for updates on the meeting and is waiting to hear back. As the next meeting is not yet confirmed, any proposals or suggestions from SC Members for future TOPIC Council meetings would be appreciated.

The 2nd Asian Cultural Council (ACC) Meeting

The 1st ACC Meeting took place during 14-16 January 2019 in Siem Reap, Cambodia with the participation of 28 political parties from 19 countries and 1 observer, Council of African Political Parties (CAPP).

According Rules 5-1 and 5-2 in the Rules and Working Modalities of the ACC (***Appendix IX***), the ACC Secretariat shall work closely with the ICAPP Secretariat in terms of coordination and activity implementation. Also, it shall inform the ICAPP Secretariat about its plan and activities. As such, the ACC Secretariat is to submit a report on its activities since the 1st ACC meeting to SC Members through the ICAPP Secretariat.

In this regard, it was mentioned during the 33rd SC Meeting, held on 13 December 2019, that the ACC had received support from the Cambodian Prime Minister and Government. Also, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) had contributed three million dollars for its cultural heritage programs and the ACC had signed an MOU with a Korean province.

In addition, according to Rule 6-1 in the Rules and Working Modalities of the ACC, meetings will be held once a year or biannually via rotation among Asian countries. The ACC Secretariat is to share future plans for the 2nd ACC Meeting in due course.

ICAPP Program for Disasters Assistance (IPDA) Activities

The last meeting of the ICAPP Program for Disaster Assistance (IPDA) Steering Committee took place on 2 September 2016 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Since then, numerous natural disasters have occurred in Asia, including the devastating floods in

Jakarta and the eruption of the Taal Volcano, which resulted in mass evacuations of over 300,000 people, in the Philippines this year. As such, the Secretariat suggests the continuation and reinvigoration of IPDA activities and asks for suggestions from SC Members in this regard.

VI. ICAPP Special Conferences

The 2nd Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic

As aforementioned, the 1st Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic took place on 22 May 2020. Given the pandemic's ongoing spread, which has resulted in global social and economic disruptions, the SC previously acknowledged the need to keep holding special conferences on this topic.

As such, the Secretariat deems it appropriate to hold the 2nd Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic sometime in January 2021 in the same format as last time over an online platform. The Secretariat plans to invite members of the ICAPP and observers to the conference. Representatives of governments agencies and international organizations as well as experts from the private sector may also be invited to share best practices, case studies and technical advice. In this regard, any suggestions or feedback from SC Members would be appreciated.

The Secretariat has prepared a concept paper for the 2nd Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic, which is attached as ***Appendix X***.

VII. Other Issues

Cooperation with Political Parties Outside of Asia

During the 33rd Meeting of the ICAPP SC, a SC Member proposed to expand the ICAPP's outreach to political parties outside of Asia such as those in North America. SC Members commented that it would be desirable to open a channel for dialogue, and potentially invite political parties in North America as observers to the ICAPP meetings such as the AEPF.

Improvements on the ICAPP Secretariat Website

The ICAPP Secretariat is pleased to inform SC Members that the ICAPP website has been upgraded with a new design and website integration management system. The existing website domain (*www.theicapp.org*) was moved to the newly designed page on 10 July 2020. The Secretariat is open to comments and feedback on the website from SC Members in an effort to continue developing and maintaining the system.

Appendixes

- ***I. Updated List of SC Members***
- ***II. ICAPP Updates regarding Appointment of New Secretary General***
  1. *ICAPP Update 20-13*
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- ***III. 1st Meeting of the ICAPP TOPIC Council***
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  2. *List of Participants*
  3. *Terengganu Statement*
- ***IV. 1st Special Video Conference on COVID-19 Pandemic (1)***
  1. *List of Participants*
  2. *Statement*
- ***V. Work Program of the ICAPP for 2021***
- ***VI. Letter from the AK Parti to Host the 11th General Assembly***
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- ***VIII. Invitation from the Mongolian People's Party***
- ***IX. Rules and Working Modalities of the ACC***
- ***X. Concept Paper for the 2nd Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic***

Appendix I-5:

Rules of Procedure for the 34th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee

Due to unprecedented circumstances on the back of COVID-19, the 34th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee ("SC") will be held online via teleconferencing. The meeting will be convened via Zoom for 3 hours from 6am to 9am GMT (9am-12pm Turkey Time; 12pm-3pm Bangladesh Standard Time; 3pm-6pm Korea Standard Time) on Wednesday, 25 November 2020.
Given the time difference amongst participants and the remote setting, the Secretariat inevitably needs to consider more time constraints than the in-person SC meetings.

Structure

- The meeting will begin and conclude with remarks from both the Chairman and Co-Chairman of the ICAPP SC.
- The Secretary General will provide an introduction of agenda items after the opening remarks. At the end of the meeting, the Secretary General will provide a final recap to summarize the discussions of the meeting.
- The agenda will not be discussed item by item. Instead, each SC Member will have one (1) opportunity to make comments on any agenda item(s) of their choice within the allocated time limit (please see "Time Limit per SC Member" for details).
- After the meeting, the ICAPP Secretariat will prepare and circulate draft Conclusions of the meeting.
- There will be no recess throughout the meeting.

Pre-Requisites for Participation

- In order to arrange orderly proceedings within the limited amount of time, all SC Members who would like to speak are kindly requested to notify the Secretariat in advance by email to secretariat@theicapp.org.
- The list of speakers ("Speaker List"), which will be in the order of email requests received, will be circulated by the Secretariat in advance of the meeting. Please note that SC Members who did not sign up to speak will have to wait for their turns until everyone on the Speaker List has finished.
- Participants who would like to have the text or summary of their remarks displayed on the screen during their presentation are requested to send them to the Secretariat by 23 November 2020 (email: secretariat@theicapp.org).

Time Limit per SC Member

- SC Members will be allocated three minutes each for their initial remarks.
- After everyone on the Speaker List has finished, SC Members may have an additional two minutes for further comments or responses to other SC Members' remarks.
- When an SC Member's initial presentation exceeds the three-minute time limit, the additional time spent will be deducted from the two additional minutes reserved for

his/her second presentation.

- A timer will be set on the screen for each SC Member: For the initial presentation, the timer will indicate how much time has elapsed and for the second presentation, it will indicate the remaining time.
- Each SC Member should not exceed a total of five minutes across both presentations. If an SC Member exceeds a total of five minutes, the microphone will be muted automatically.
- If an SC Member does not use all of the three minutes for the first presentation, the unused time will not be added to the time limit for the second presentation. He/she will still be allocated two minutes for the second presentation.
- Given the time constraints, only two Observers, Council of African Political Parties (CAPP) and Permanent Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and Caribbean (COPPPAL) will be invited to join the meeting. Observers will have one opportunity to speak for three (3) minutes each.

Working Language

- The meeting will be conducted in English in accordance with Article 15 of the ICAPP Charter.
- Please note that SC Members are responsible for their own interpreters should they require such services. However, the Secretariat would like to remind Members that the same time limit will be applied to all participants regardless of their use of interpreter services. As such, simultaneous rather than consecutive interpretation is recommended.

Appendix II:

List of Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee

As of November 2020

- Liberal Party, **Australia**
- Labour Party, **Australia**

- Hon. Ali Javad Ahmadov, Deputy Prime Minister, and Deputy Chairman and Executive Secretary of the *Yeni* (New) Azerbaijan Party, Republic of **Azerbaijan**

- Hon. Abdul Matin Khasru, Member of the Parliament, Member of the Presidium of Bangladesh *Awami* League, and Former Minister of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs of Bangladesh Parliament, Bangladesh *Awami* League, People's Republic of **Bangladesh**

- Hon. Rahgir Almahe Ershad, Member of the Standing Committee on Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in Bangladesh National Parliament, Joint Secretary of the Central Committee of the *Jatiya* Party**,** People's Republic of **Bangladesh**

- Hon. Khuon Sudary, Vice-Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Second Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, Member of the Standing Committee of the Cambodian People's Party (CPP), Kingdom of **Cambodia**

- HRH Samdech Krom Preah Norodom Ranariddh, Former First Prime Minister, Former Chairman of the National Assembly, and President of *FUNCINPEC* Party, Kingdom of **Cambodia**

- Hon. Guo Yezhou, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Vice Minister of the International Department of Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, People's Republic of **China**

- Hon. Vijay Jolly, Senior Leader of *Bharatiya Janata* Party (BJP) and President of Delhi Study Group, Republic of **India**

- Hon. Anand Sharma. Deputy Leader of opposition in *Rajya Sabha*, the upper house of the Parliament. Chairman of Foreign affairs Department of the Indian National Congress, Former Minister of Commerce and Industry, Republic of **India**

- Hon. Charles Honoris, Deputy Chairman of Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation Body of Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDI-P), Member of Parliament in Commission 1 (Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense), Republic of **Indonesia**

- Hon. Theo L. Sambuaga, Vice Chairman, Patron Council of the Party of Functional Groups (*Golkar* Party*: Partai Golongan Karya*), Former Minister of Manpower, Former Minister of Housing and Settlement, and Former Chairman of Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee of Indonesian House of Representatives, Republic of **Indonesia**

- Hon. Hassan Ghafoori Fard, Founding President of Foundation for Islamic Development, Former Vice President and Member of Central Committee of Islamic *Motalefeh* Party, Islamic Republic of **Iran**

- Hon. Mohammad Reza Sarmadi, Deputy Secretary General of International Relations and Member of the Central Committee of Islamic Labour Party, Islamic Republic of **Iran**

- Liberal Democratic Party/New Komeito Party, **Japan**
- Democratic Party For the People(DPFP), **Japan**

- Hon. Bauyrzhan Baibek, First Deputy Chairman of the *Nur Otan* (Democratic People's) Party, Republic of **Kazakhstan**

- Hon. Cho Jeong-sik, Member of the National Assembly from the *Minjoo* (Democratic) Party, Member of the Science, ICT (Information & Communication Technologies), Broadcasting and Communications Committee and Chairperson of ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the National Assembly, Republic of **Korea**

- Hon. Ha Tae-keung, Member of the National Assembly from the People Power Party, Member of the National Defense Committee and Vice Chairperson of ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union in the National Assembly, Republic of **Korea**

- Hon. Youssef Awad, Coordinator for Asia and Overseas of Free Patriotic Movement Party, **Lebanese Republic**

- Hon. Fadi Fawaz, Advisor for Development Affairs to Hon. Saad Hariri, Prime Minister and Chairman of Future Movement Party, **Lebanese Republic**

- Hon. Dato' Seri Dr. Shahidan bin Kassim, Member of Parliament and Former Minister in the Office of Prime Minister, United Malays National Organization (UMNO), **Malaysia**

- Hon. Datuk Chong Sin Woon, Secretary General of Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA), **Malaysia**

- Democratic Party of **Mongolia**

- Hon. Saikhansanaa Khurelbaatar, Advisor to Secretary General of Mongolian People's Party (MPP), Vice President of Social Democratic Mongolian Youth Association, **Mongolia**

- Hon. U Mahn Jonny, Member of Parliament-*Pyithuhluttaw* and Member of the Central Committee, National League for Democracy (NLD), Republic of the Union of **Myanmar**

- Hon. U Wunna Maung Lwin, Member of the Central Executive Committee in charge of International Relations Committee, Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP), and Former Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of the Union of **Myanmar**

- Hon. Jhalanath Khanal, Former Prime Minister, Nepal Communist Party (NCP), Federal Democratic Republic of **Nepal**

- Hon. Sujata Koirala, Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Member of Parliament and Central Committee of the Nepali Congress Party, Federal Democratic Republic of **Nepal**

- Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Vice Chairman and Special Rapporteur of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Chairman of Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Pakistan Muslim League-*Nawaz* (PML-*N*), Islamic Republic of **Pakistan**

- Hon. Jose De Venecia, Jr., Founding Chairman, Former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Republic of the **Philippines**

- Hon. Dr. Andrey A. Klimov, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee and Deputy Secretary General of the United Russia Party on International Affairs, **Russian Federation**

- Hon. Daya Dharmapala Kilittuwa Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment of Sri Lanka, Member of Parliament and Senior Deputy Chairman of the United National Party (UNP), Democratic Socialist Republic of **Sri Lanka**

- Hon. Dilan Perara, State Minister of Highways, Member of Parliament, and Assistant Secretary of Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP), Democratic Socialist Republic of **Sri Lanka**

- Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveesin, Co-Chairperson of ICAPP Women's Wing, Former Thailand Trade Representative and Former Minister Attached to Prime Minister's Office, *Pheu Thai* Party, Kingdom of **Thailand**

- Hon. Chamni Sakdiset, Former Member of Parliament and Deputy Leader of the Democrat Party, Kingdom of **Thailand**

- Hon. Efkan Ala, Deputy Chairman of the Justice and Development Party (*AK Parti*) and Chairman for Foreign Affairs of the Party, Member of Parliament for Bursa, Former Minister of the Interior of the Republic of **Turkey**

- Hon. Nguyen Manh Cuong, Vice Chairman for External Relations of the Central Committee, Communist Party of Vietnam, Socialist Republic of **Vietnam**

- Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Special Advisor to the President for Foreign Affairs and National Security, Republic of **Korea**

- Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary General of the ICAPP, Former Ambassador of Republic of Korea to Malaysia and Myanmar, Former Chancellor of Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Republic of **Korea**

Appendix III-1:

October 28, 2020

Jose de Venecia
Founding Chairman of the ICAPP

Dear Mr. Venecia

Please be informed that Ms. Park Young-sun of The Minjoo Party is no longer serving as a representative of the ROK National Assembly. She is, therefore, no longer serving as a member of the ICAPP Standing Committee. Assemblyman Cho Jeong-sik of the same party is taking her place as a member of the ICAPP Standing Committee.

I hope that the ICAPP plays an even greater role through its efforts for the peace and prosperity of Asia.

Kind regards,

Lee Nak-yon
Leader of The Minjoo Party
Seoul, Korea

Appendix III-2:

October 14, 2020

Jose de Venecia
Founding Chairman of the ICAPP

Dear Mr. Venecia

Please be informed that Ms. Lee Hye-hoon of People Power Party is no longer serving as a representative of the ROK National Assembly. She is, therefore, no longer serving as a member of the ICAPP Standing Committee. Assemblyman Ha Tae-keung of the same party is taking her place as a member of the ICAPP Standing Committee.

I hope that the ICAPP plays an even greater role through its efforts for the peace and prosperity of Asia.

Kind regards,

Kim Jong-in,
Leader of People Power Party
Seoul, Korea

Appendix III-3:

CENTRAL LEADERSHIP BOARD
INDONESIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF STRUGGLE
(DPP PDI PERJUANGAN)

Number : 610 /EX/DPP/ X /2020 Jakarta, October 28 th, 2020

The ICAPP Secretariat
Seoul - Korea

Dear Honorable,

On behalf of Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle, we would like to extend our gratitude for the cooperation and friendship which we share together for the past five years.

We herewith want to inform you that Hon. Andreas Pareira has no longer in the Foreign Affairs Division. He will be needed by our Party in his new position in the Legislation area. Therefore, we would like to nominee Hon. Charles Honoris MP. as the new Standing Committee for the ICAPP from our party. Hon. Charles Honoris MP. is the Deputy Chairman of Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation Body in Indonesia Parliament, as well as Member of Parliament in Commission I, which covers Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense.

With this new appointment, we look forward to extend our full cooperation with ICAPP to bring peace and prosperity to the region and the world. Please accept, Honorable, the assurances of my highest consideration.

CENTRAL LEADERSHIP BOARD
INDONESIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF STRUGGLE
2019-2024

Chairperson,

AHMAD BASARAH

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Appendix III-4:

AK PARTİ

13.11.2020

Hon. Cho Byung-jae
Secretary General of the ICAPP
Seoul, Korea

On behalf of Justice and Development Party (AK Party), we would like to extend the assurances of our highest consideration to ICAPP for the endeavours to enhance and strengthen the dialogue and cooperation between the ICAPP members.

We herewith want to inform you that **H.E. Mr. Efkan Ala** has been appointed as the Deputy Chairman of AK Party in charge of Foreign Affairs to succeed H.E. Mr. Cevdet Yılmaz who was appointed as Chairman of Planning and Budget Committee of Turkish Parliament.

H.E. Mr. Efkan Ala, is the Deputy Chairman of AK Party, Chairman of Foreign Affairs of AK Party, Member of Parliament for Bursa and Former Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Turkey.

We hereby would like to inform you that H.E. Mr. Efkan Ala, is to be the new ICAPP Standing Committee Member of ICAPP on behalf of AK Party.

Sincerely yours,

AK Party Headquarters
Foreign Affairs
Department

Justice and Development
Party
Foreign Relations

Appendix III-5:

বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় সংসদ
Bangladesh Parliament

রওশন এরশাদ এমপি
বিরোধীদলীয় নেতা
বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় সংসদ

Date: 16th November, 2020.

Excellency,

On behalf of Jatiya Party Bangladesh, we nominate Mr. Rahgir Al-Mahe Ershad MP as a member of the Standing Committee for the ICAPP.

I would like to give thank you to ICAPP for continuing support and cooperation extended to Jatiya Party, Bangladesh.

Please accept Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Raushan Ershad.

Raushan Ershad MP
Chief Patron, Jatiya Party
&
Leader of the Opposition
Bangladesh Parliament

His Excellency Mr. Cho Byung-Jae
Secretary General,
ICAPP
Seoul, Korea.

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Appendix IV-1:

ICAPP Update (20-14) Appointment of the New Secretary General by the Standing Committee

Dear Distinguished Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee,

This is to inform you that as of October 12th 2020, there have been no objections to the Secretariat's proposal for the appointment of Hon. Cho Byung-jae, former Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Malaysia and to Myanmar, and former Chancellor for the Korea National Diplomatic Academy (KNDA), as the new Secretary General of the ICAPP.

Given the unanimous consent of the 12 Standing Committee members who responded to the proposal, the Secretariat will consider the proposal as accepted.

Please note that as part of the procedure stipulated in Article 13 of the ICAPP Charter, this appointment by the Standing Committee will still be subject to final confirmation at the next General Assembly.

As of today, Ambassador Cho will execute functions as described in Articles 12-13 of the ICAPP Charter, and will be in charge of the general management of the Secretariat. Also, he will perform such other functions as entrusted by the General Assembly and the Standing Committee.

I have no doubt that the ICAPP Secretariat, under Ambassador Cho's leadership, will excel in fulfilling all of the functions listed in the ICAPP Charter.

Kind regards,

Chung Eui-yong,
Co-Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee
Seoul, Korea

Appendix IV-2:

ICAPP Update (20-15) Letter from the Newly Appointed Secretary General of the ICAPP

Dear Distinguished Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee,

It is with great honor that I accept my appointment as the new Secretary General of the ICAPP. I would like to thank all of you for your support and faith in my candidacy.

The ICAPP is a very special organization, bringing together more than 300 political parties in over 50 countries in Asia. Its ability to embrace diversity of cultures and political ideologies is unparalleled. Given this unique platform, I look forward to working with the Standing Committee and all other members of the ICAPP in fostering dialogue amongst political leaders that can lead to thoughtful solutions to key issues in Asia and beyond.

The biggest challenge the ICAPP is facing now seems to be maintaining its strong network and active communication during a time of isolation due to COVID-19. As the new Secretary General, I hope to find ways in which we can continue to actively pursue the goals of the ICAPP, despite the inability to meet in-person. As part of this process, the Secretariat, while trying to do its best, will also be seeking your suggestions and ideas with the hope of making the ICAPP even more effective and relevant. I will be reaching out with more details on the future plans of the Secretariat and look forward to speaking with you all.

Wishing you and your families good health and high spirits during this difficult time.

Best regards,

Cho Byung-jae,
Secretary General of the ICAPP
Seoul, Korea

Appendix V-1:

List of Participants
of the Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic
(May 22, 2020)

1. Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee (19)

● Hon. Khuon Sudary, Vice-Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Second Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, Member of the Standing Committee of the Cambodian People's Party (CPP), Kingdom of **Cambodia**

● Hon. Vijay Jolly, Senior Leader of the Party, President of Delhi Study Group and Former Global Convenor *BJP* Overseas Affairs, *Bharatiya Janata* Party (*BJP*), Republic of **India**

● Hon. Theo L. Sambuaga, Vice Chairman of Patron Council of *GOLKAR* Party, Republic of **Indonesia**

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

● Hon. Park Young-sun, Minister of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) and Startups (MSS), Member of the National Assembly, and Former Chairperson and Floor Leader of *The Minjoo* (Democratic) Party, Republic of **Korea**

● Hon. Dr. Lee Hye-hoon, Member of the National Assembly of the United Future Party, Former Chairperson of Intelligence Committee of the National Assembly, Republic of **Korea**

● Hon. Youssef Awad, Coordinator for Asia and Overseas of Free Patriotic Movement Party, **Lebanese Republic**

● Hon. Fadi Fawaz, Advisor for Development Affairs to Saad Hariri, Prime Minister and Chairman of Future Movement Party, **Lebanese Republic**

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

● Hon. Dr. Andrey A. Klimov, Vice-Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Deputy Secretary General of the United Russia Party on International Affairs, **Russian Federation**

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

● Hon. Cevdet Yilmaz, Vice-Chairman of the Justice and Development Party (AK Parti) and Chairman for Foreign Affairs of the Party, Republic of **Turkey**

● Hon. Nguyen Manh Cuong, Vice Chairman for External Relations of the Central Committee, Communist Party of Vietnam, Socialist Republic of **Vietnam**

● Hon. Park Ro-byug, Secretary General of the ICAPP Secretariat and Coordination Secretariat of the ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP, Former Ambassador of Republic of Korea to Russian Federation, Republic of **Korea**

2. Accompanying Delegates (16)

- **New Azerbaijan Party (1)**
- Hon. Sevinj Fataliyeva, Chief of the Department of International Relations of the New (*Yeni*) Azerbaijan Party (YAP) and Member of Milli Majlis (Parliament)

- **Cambodian People's Party (CPP) (3)**
- Hon. Suos Yara, Member of Parliament and Vice-Chairman of Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, Information and Media
- Ms. Lim Sreynith, Assistant to Hon. Suos Yara
- Ms. Pov Yousim, Assistant to Hon. Khuon Sudary

- **Party of Functional Group (*GOLKAR*) of Indonesia (1)**
- Ms. Diana Widyastuti, Member of the Central Executive Board

- **Islamic *Motalefeh* Party (2)**
- Mr. Mohammad Mahdi Tinai Tehrani, Second Deputy of International Affairs Department of Islamic *Motalefeh* Party
- Mr. Alireza Ghafoori Fard, Special Assistant to Hon. Hassan Ghafoori Fard

- **Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA) (2)**
- Mr. Dr. Tee Ching Seng, Chairman of International Communication and Diplomacy Bureau of the MCA
- Mr. Dato' Lim Chin Hai, Chief Administrative Director of the Headquarters of MCA

- **Communist Party of Nepal (CPN-UML) (1)**
- Mr. Yogendra Bahadur Shahi, Member of State Committee and Member of Karnali State Planning Commission of Communist Party of Nepal

- **Justice and Development Party (*AK Parti*) of Turkey (1)**
- Hon. Afif Demirkiran, Deputy Chairman of Foreign Affairs of the Justice and Development Party (*AK Parti*)

- **Democrat Party of Thailand (1)**
- Hon. Prakob Chirakiti, Former Member of Parliament of the Democrat Party and Former Vice Minister attached to the Prime Minister's Office

- **Office of the Founding Chairman of the ICAPP, Philippines (1)**
- Mr. Kitt DS Villanueva, Assistant to Hon. Jose de Venecia

- **ICAPP Secretariat (3)**
- Ms. Park Hyun-ryang, Director
- Ms. Jeong Sang-myoung
- Mr. Kim Deok-su

3. Observers (5)

- **Permanent Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and Caribbean (*COPPPAL*) (3)**
- Hon. Alejandro Moreno Cárdenas, President of the *COPPPAL*, **Mexico**
- Ms. Sofía Carvajal Isunza, Executive Secretary, **Mexico**
- Ms. Carla Rivera Pallán, Coordinator for Asia and Africa, **Mexico**

- **Council of African Political Parties (CAPP) (2)**
- Hon. Dr. Faysal Hassan Ibrahim Ali, Secretary General of the CAPP, Republic of **Sudan**
- Hon. Mohamed Yousif Abdalla, Deputy Secretary General of the CAPP, Republic of **Sudan**

Appendix V-2:

Statement for
the Special Video Conference on COVID-19 Pandemic (1)

We, the Members of the Standing Committee of the ICAPP, held the Special Video Conference on 'the Impact of the COVID-19 and the Role of Asian Political Parties' on 22 May 2020, presenting a united stance against the common threat. The ICAPP Standing Committee Members shared the view that, while we are embracing the postponing or rescheduling of several important ICAPP meetings such as the meetings of the Standing Committee, the ICAPP has a political duty to respond, by holding a special video conference, to this unprecedented challenge.

We discussed our actions and continued commitment to cooperation and coordination to combat the pandemic at the conference initiated by Hon. Jose de Venecia, Founding Chairman of the ICAPP and Hon. Park Ro-byug, Secretary General of the ICAPP. The members of the ICAPP Standing Committee representing 20 Asian political parties and the representatives of the Permanent Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and Caribbean (COPPPAL) and the Council of African Political Parties (CAPP) participated in this special video conference, reaching a mutual understanding and common position.

1. We noted with grave concern that COVID-19 poses a huge global threat and has caused grave human suffering and we shared the view that we need to engage in even closer joint efforts to fight the pandemic and to counter the serious negative repercussions on a whole range of human activities. We reached a common understanding as follows.

   (a) We recognized each member's national measures undertaken to effectively fight against and control the spread of COVID-19, and committed to continue all necessary measures to protect people and to contain the highly contagious disease.

   (b) We agreed to seek to provide intensive testing, tracing and treatment of target groups of people in seriously affected areas in order to contain the pandemic and facilitate rapid diagnostic measures.

   (c) We acknowledged the importance of promoting a high level of public trust and civic engagement regarding widespread voluntary self-quarantine and other preventive measures, such as "social distancing," to slow and contain the spread of the outbreak.

   (d) We emphasized our strong commitment to working together to improve and upgrade national health systems to ensure that they deliver equitable health outcomes, based on a comprehensive approach.

2. We therefore agreed to work together for urgent national actions for regional and global cooperation to counter and contain COVID-19 and bring the pandemic to an end. Furthermore, we reaffirmed our strong commitment to embrace and abide by the

following recommendations in the fight against the disease.

(a) We are committed to continue to encourage our governments and political parties to devise and support effective programs to combat the pandemic as a national health strategy.

(b) We reaffirm the need to further strengthen international cooperation through the exchange of best practices aimed at building the capacity of public health systems. Moreover, we emphasized the importance of providing financial support and cooperation to develop and produce affordable, safe, effective and high-quality vaccines and medicines for their global use and equitable access as soon as possible.

(c) We emphasize the role of political parties in facilitating cooperation for sharing information and lessons learned through implementing various measures to address any potential outbreak of the pandemic. And we recognized that this is important even after reaching a manageable level of the outbreak of cases.

3. We also reached a common understanding regarding using all available policy tools to minimize the economic and social damage from the pandemic and to coordinate to restore global growth, maintain market stability and strengthen the resilience of the global economy and global governance in health and economy as follows.

(a) We will support the active role of political parties in discussing and supporting vigorous measures to promote recovery in our economies, protect workers and businesses, particularly small and medium sized enterprises, and shield vulnerable groups of people through all available resources.

(b) We will place a special emphasis on the protection and needs of the most vulnerable people including refugees, migrants and displaced people who already rely on international humanitarian assistance as well as the countries hosting these vulnerable groups.

(c) We will encourage each other to coordinate and update regional and global responses in the fields of health, trade, investment, finance and the movement of labor as recommended by the WHO, the IMF, the World Bank, the ILO, the UN and other international economic organizations.

(d) While committed to serving the best interest of the global community of shared prosperity, we support the WHO's leading role in the global fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. We urge political parties and governments to respect WHO's working principles in fighting the pandemic and to speed up the development of vaccine and cure and to make them available to all nations in a timely manner.

(e) We call for global approach to combat COVID-19 which necessitates promoting international trade, freely without interference, punitive measures or any obstruction of international exchanges, such as of goods, services, medical

supplies or of people. We are committed to ensuring the smooth flow of factual information, agricultural products and other services across borders and minimizing the disruption of global supply chains.

(f) We welcome the commitment expressed by the G20 Leaders in their summit statement of March 2020 for united actions against the pandemic.

4. We acknowledged the need to continue to hold special conferences on this disease until such time as it is well contained and there is a return to normal daily life.

5. We conveyed sincere appreciation for the efficient and timely arrangements made by the ICAPP Secretariat for the successful holding of the Special Video Conference on the Impact of COVID-19 and the Role of the Asian Political Parties.

Adopted unanimously on this 26th day of May, 2020

Appendix VI:

Tentative Work Program for 2021

1. **35th Meetings of the ICAPP Standing Committee**
   - *Venue* & Date: TBC / *Q1* of 2021 (TBC)
   - Host: TBC

2. **Special Video Conference on Women's Empowerment**
   - *Venue* & Date: Online / February 2021 (TBC)
   - Host: TBC

3. **2nd Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic**
   - *Venue* & Date: Online / March 2021 (TBC)
   - Host: The ICAPP Secretariat

4. **2nd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC)**
   - *Venue* & Date: Online / Q1 of 2021 (TBC)
   - Host: TBC

5. **4th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political forum (AEPF)**
   - *Venue* & Date: Prague, Czech Republic / 21-23 May 2021
   - Host: European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) Group

6. **Special Conference on Peace and Cooperation: *"Peace and Cooperation Dialogue"***
   - *Venue* & Date: Baku, Azerbaijan / *Q2 or Q3* of 2021 (TBC)
   - Host: New Azerbaijan Party

7. **11th Meeting of the ICAPP General Assembly / 36th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee / 5th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum / 4th Trilateral Meeting among the ICAPP-*COPPPAL*-CAPP**
   - *Venue* & Date: Istanbul, Turkey / 17-20 September 2021
   - Host: *AK Parti*

8. **2nd Meeting of the ICAPP Tourism Promotion and Inter-City Cooperation (TOPIC) Council**
   - *Venue* & Date: Tunis, Tunisia or Istanbul, Turkey / TBC
   - Host: CAPP or *AK Parti*

9. **6th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing and 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing**
   - *Venue* & Date: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia / October 2021
   - Host: Mongolian People's Party (MPP)

10. **5th Meeting of the ICAPP Program for Disasters Assistance (IPDA)**
    - *Venue* & Date: TBC / TBC
    - Host: TBC

Appendix VII:

AK PARTİ

15.01.2020

Dear ICAPP Secretariat,

On behalf of Justice and Development Party (AK Party), I am honoured to propose you that Turkey is willing to host the 11th ICAPP General Assembly as well as the Standing Committee Meeting during October or November 2020 in Turkey/Istanbul. We would also appreciate to host the ICAPP Media Forum and the Trilateral Meeting of the ICAPP-COPPAL-CAPP during the 11th ICAPP General Assembly.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend the assurances of my highest consideration to ICAPP and we hope to enhance and strengthen the dialogue and cooperation with the ICAPP members.

Sincerely yours,

Cevdet Yılmaz
AK Party Vice Chairman
Chairman of Foreign Affairs
Member of Parliament for Bingöl

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Appendix VIII:

ICAPP Update (20-11) Letter to SC members (regarding postpone of AEPF)

Dear Distinguished Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee,

We hope that all the SC members are well even in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic and very much hope that life will return to normal as soon as possible.
The Hon. Jan Zahradil, the European Chair of the Asia Europe Political Forum(AEPF), has conveyed a message, informing us that the European side hopes to reschedule the dates for the AEPF meeting, proposing options in May, 2021, including the period from 21(Friday) to 23(Sunday) May, 2021.
In this regard, the Secretariat kindly requests your views on the proposed dates for the next AEPF by 22 June. If there are no objections to the proposed date communicated by 22 June, the Secretariat will inform the Czech side that we tentatively accept the dates of 21-23 May for the next AEPF.

With warm regards,

Park Ro-byug

Secretary General of the ICAPP
Seoul, Korea
June 16, 2020

Appendix IX-1:

MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY
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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ICAPP STANDING COMMITTEE

Date: 19.12.2019
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Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Dear ICAPP SC Members,

It is my pleasure to invite all members of the Standing Committee to the 34th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee, the 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing and the 7th Meeting of the Women's Wing to be held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, on 20-22 April, 2020.

The meetings serve as a good opportunity for youth and women from all across Asia to meet each other and establish contacts. Topics on political party involvement in reducing inequality will be discussed during the meetings.

Following the draft program, the Mongolian People's Party will hold a welcoming reception on April 20th (Monday) at 19:00, Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee and ICAPP Youth Wing and Women's Wing meetings on April 21st (Tuesday) and a sightseeing tour on the 22nd (Wednesday).

All the relevant documents and practical information regarding logistics will be sent in due course.

We look forward to welcoming You in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. I avail myself of this opportunity to send my most cordial greetings.

Sincerely yours,

SECRETARY GENERAL AMARBAYASGALAN DASHZEGVE

Appendix IX-2:

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SECRETARY GENERAL OF ICAPP

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Dear Hon. Park Ro-byug,

Due to the new coronavirus Covid-19, the situation in many countries in Asia and the world has become distressing. Under WHO recommendations, the Government of Mongolia is taking urgent measures and intensifying the country's response to prevent Covid-19 infections and has enacted measures for partial state of preparedness.

With regard to the current situation, we would like to request the 6th Youth Wing and the 7th Women's Wing meetings of the ICAPP, scheduled to be held on April 21-23 in Ulaanbaatar, to be postponed to a later date and organized at an appropriate time.

I would like to wish You success and the best in Your work.

Sincerely,

SECRETARY GENERAL AMARBAYASGALAN DASHZEGVE

Appendix X:

(Draft) Concept Paper

As of 19 November 2020

Background

On 25 May 2020, the members of the ICAPP Standing Committee participated in the 1st Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic, which focused on "the Impact of the COVID-19 and the Role of Asian Political Parties." Representatives of 18 political parties from Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Korea, Lebanon, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, Thailand, Turkey and Vietnam participated in the video conference along with representatives from 2 observers, Permanent Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and Caribbean (*COPPPAL*) and Council of African Political Parties (CAPP).
During the conference, the participants emphasized the responsibility of policy makers in leading the effort against COVID-19 by designing comprehensive national health measures and facilitating regional and global cooperation. They underlined the importance of exchanging best practices and case studies of policy implementation to successfully contain the spread, while strengthening the capacity of public health systems. Also, a common understanding was reached to utilize policy tools to minimize the negative economic and social impact from the pandemic.
At the conclusion of the conference, participants adopted the "Statement for the Special Video Conference on COVID-19 Pandemic (1)," in which they promised to continue collaborative efforts at the international level to combat the pandemic. The participants also acknowledged the need to hold additional conferences on the topic of COVID-19 until the situation globally returned to normal.

Developments since the 1st Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic

Since the 1st Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases has continued to remain at elevated levels according to the data published by the World Health Organization (WHO). Notably in Europe and the Americas, there has been a second wave of COVID-19 cases, prompting governments to implement movement control orders to curb the spread of the virus. Many health workers and health systems are being stretched to their full capacity in such areas.
Although there have been announcements of newly developed vaccines with over 95% effectiveness, one from Moderna and another from Pfizer, it remains to be seen when and how the vaccines will be distributed. Also, there are concerns around an uneven global recovery due to variances in vaccine development and delivery across different countries. Governments and the private sector will need to coordinate to provide a steady supply of vaccines to populations across all income levels.

Objectives

Given the discussions from the "1st Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 pandemic," and the developments since then, the Secretariat believes that it may be appropriate to organize a follow-up Special Conference tentatively in January of next year with a focus on the following topics, which are in line with the deliberations from the 1st Conference:

(1) **Strategic plans for a socially inclusive pandemic recovery:**
- Caring for the poor and vulnerable groups of society.
- Supporting small and medium enterprises during and after the economic downturn.

(2) **Areas for multilateral cooperation such as humanitarian aid and revival of global trade:**

- Securing humanitarian aid and recovery assistance, including access to newly developed vaccines, for developing countries to reduce potential unevenness of global recovery.
- Facilitating the revival of cross-border trade and thereby, minimizing the disruption of global supply chains.

(3) **Ways to partner with international organizations and the private sector:**

- Working with international organizations to expand emergency response mechanisms, strengthen capacity of public health systems and procure medical resources.
- Collaborating with the private sector for more efficient emergency response, including testing, vaccine procurement and distribution, and broader digital access across society.

Plans for the 2nd Special Video Conference on the COVID-19 Pandemic: The conference will be held online over Zoom due to travel constraints and social distancing rules.

[January 2021]

- *15:00 Opening Session (Korea Standard Time)*
- *15:15 Plenary Session 1*
- *16:15 Plenary Session 2*
- *17:15 Plenary Session 3*
- *18:00 Closing Session (Adoption of the statement prepared by the ICAPP Secretariat)*

Participants

Members of the ICAPP and observers will be invited to participate in the discussions. Representatives of government agencies and international organizations as well as experts from the private sector may also be invited to share best practices, case studies and technical advice.

Outputs

The ICAPP Secretariat will prepare a statement summarizing key outcomes of the conference. The draft will be circulated and adopted after consultations with the members of the Standing Committee. In addition, the Secretariat will publish a final report that includes copies of the presentations and speeches delivered by the participants.

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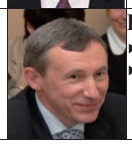

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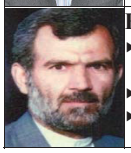

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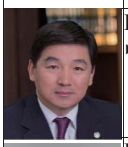	**Hon. Bauyrzhan BAIBEK** ▸First Deputy Chairman of *Nur Otan* Party of **Kazakhstan**		**Hon. CHO Jeong- sik** ▸Science, Broadcasting and Communications Committee, Member of the National Assembly, The *Minjoo* (Democratic) Party, Republic of **Korea** ▸Chairperson of ICAPP Parliamentarians' Union
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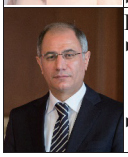	**Hon. Efkan Ala** ▸Deputy Chairman of the Justice and Development Party (*AK Parti*), Chairman for Foreign Affairs of the Party, Member of Parliament for Bursa ▸Former Minister of the Interior of the Republic of **Turkey**		**Hon. NGUYEN Manh Cuong** ▸Vice Chairman of the Commission for External Relations of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of **Vietnam**

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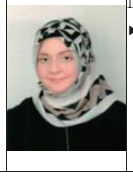
	Hon. Anoma Gamage ▸ Former Member of Parliament and Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources Development of Sri Lanka, United National Party (UNP), Democratic Socialist Republic of **Sri Lanka**		**Ms. Ummugulsum Umutlu** ▸ Deputy Chairwoman of Woman Branch in Charge of Foreign Affairs of Justice and Development Party (*AK Parti)*, Republic of **Turkey**

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ICAPP Charter

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.

ICAPP Major Understandings

Major Understandings and Decisions reached at the ICAPP Standing Committee Meetings

As of 22 October2020

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 23-24, 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, 2007

- 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[1] 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 Bahrain 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.

13. 24th SC Meeting in Kuala Lumpur on February 28 – March 3, 2015

- The Members agreed to change the name of the group from the IMEF to the ICAPP Program for Disasters Assistance (IPDA) to correctly represent the intended direction and scope of the group's activities.

[1] *ICAPP-COPPPAL Economic Council was later renamed to ICAPP-COPPPAL Business Council (ICBC) prior to its 1st Meeting, which took place on 28-29 November 2014 in Mexico City, Mexico*

14. 25th SC Meeting in Beijing, China on October 15, 2015

- The Members agreed to establish an ICAPP-EU Political Forum (IEPF)[2] to promote closer cooperation between the ICAPP and political parties in the European Parliament.

15. 28th SC Meeting in Seoul on July 7, 2017

- The Members agreed to establish the ICAPP Cultural Council, which was first proposed at the ICAPP Special Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation in Vladivostok in May 2015. The Members also decided to rename the ICAPP Cultural Council to "Asian Cultural Council" (ACC).

- The Members agreed to increase the number of Bureau Members of the SC to five and elected Hon. Hor Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister and Former Foreign Minister of Cambodia, Hon. Zheng Xiaosong, Vice Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, and Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Secretary General of the Pakistan Muslim League-Q of Pakistan, respectively, as Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee.

16. 31st SC Meeting in Moscow on October 24, 2018

- It was agreed to establish Coordinate Secretariat among the ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP to be assumed by the ICAPP Secretariat and its Secretary General during the 3rd Trilateral Meeting among the ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP on 26th of October.

17. 32nd SC Meeting in Colombo on April 6, 2019

- The Members agreed to elect the member as a Bureau of the ICAPP Standing Committee for one term (2 years) who has hosted the General Assembly of the ICAPP. In this regard, Hon. Andrey Klimov, Deputy Secretary General of the United Russia Party on International Relations, who hosted the 10th Meeting of the ICAPP General Assembly in Moscow in 2018, was appointed as Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee for two years.

- The Members expressed great interest in the proposal of Hon. Shahidan Bin Kassim, Member of Parliament, United Malays National Organization (UMNO) and Former Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister of Malaysia, to establish a "Tourism Promotion Council"[3] as an ICAPP Affiliated Body.

[2] *IEPF was renamed to Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF) prior to its 1st Meeting, which took place on 7-10 July 2017 in Seoul, Republic of Korea*

[3] *Upon further consultations with the Members after the 32nd SC Meeting, it was agreed to establish the Tourism Promotion and Inter-City Cooperation (TOPIC) Council. The 1st Meeting of the TOPIC Council took place on 13-16 December 2019 in Terengganu, Ma`laysia*

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The International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) was launched in Manila, Philippines in September 2000 to promote exchanges and cooperation among political parties with various ideologies in Asia and Oceania.

The ICAPP seeks to enhance mutual understanding and deepen trust in the region and in doing so, promote peace and prosperity through the unique role and channel of political parties.

At first, few people thought it would be possible to bring together competing governing, opposition and independent political parties of Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, Central Asia, West Asia, the Middle East, and Oceania. However, since its inception, the ICAPP has grown steadily in both membership and influence.

Now more than 300 political parties in the region with diverse political and ideological backgrounds are eligible to participate in the ICAPP activities. By bringing together leaders of political parties in Asia at regular assemblies, the ICAPP has become a positive force for mutual understanding among Asian countries and peoples. The ICAPP meetings have been visionary, cordial, constructive and successful.

The ICAPP has also become institutionalized through wide-ranging programs and a sophisticated structure. The General Assembly, which welcomes all eligible political parties across Asia and Oceania, is held biannually. The Standing Committee, which is composed of political party representatives from 23 countries, meets semi-annually to address general matters of the ICAPP. Special Conferences are held on timely topics upon recommendations from the Standing Committee, and small-scale workshops are also held targeting specific audiences and topics. Themes of previous Special Conferences and workshops include, among others, prevention of political corruption, green development, migration and refugees and promotion of business opportunities. The ICAPP Youth Wing and Women's Wing have also been established and their annual meetings focus on issues related to education, employment, human rights, and equal opportunities.

The ICAPP has also established channels of dialogue with political parties in Africa, Europe, and the Americas. This is manifested through the partnership among the ICAPP, the Permanent Conference of Political Parties in Latin

America and the Caribbean (*COPPPAL*), and the Council of African Political Parties (CAPP). The CAPP is the product of coordinated efforts by the ICAPP and *COPPPAL* to help political parties in Africa establish a forum. The ICAPP and *COPPPAL* have been holding joint sessions annually since 2009 and the trilateral meetings among the ICAPP, *COPPPAL* and CAPP have been held since 2016.

The Asia Europe Political Forum (AEPF), which is regularly co-organized by the ICAPP and the European People's Party (EPP), European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR) and Alliance of Conservatives and Reformists in Europe (ACRE), is also a product of such intercontinental cooperation. The 1st meeting of the AEPF was held in 2017 after discussions between the ICAPP and political groups of the European Parliament to enhance mutual understanding and cooperation between Asia and Europe. The 2nd AEPF meeting was rescheduled to May 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In recognition of the ICAPP's role in bringing together various political parties to promote understanding and friendship among countries not only in Asia, but also in Africa, Europe and Latin America, a number of governments in the region, including those of Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Iran, Kazakhstan, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Vietnam, have signed the inter-governmental "MOU on Cooperation to Support the Activities of the ICAPP" since 2013. More governments are expected to join in signing the MOU.

The ICAPP strives to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals by raising awareness on key issues and fostering dialogue on the design and implementation of policies that can bring positive change. In 2018, the UNESCO acknowledged the ICAPP as an international organization of political parties of independent states and signed the "Cooperation Agreement between the UNESCO and the ICAPP." The ICAPP will continue to play its role not only in building a cohesive community in Asia, but also in contributing to the global quest for peace and prosperity.

The 5th General Assembly held in 2009 decided to establish the ICAPP Secretariat in Seoul, Republic of Korea. Thanks to the support of many governments in the region, the Secretariat has been able to develop and expand the scope of the ICAPP activities.

The detailed information on the ICAPP is available at its website (www.theicapp.org).