Kunming Declaration on Poverty Alleviation

We, the leaders and representatives of 58 governing and opposition political parties from 28 countries in Asia and the Pacific, together with African political parties and international organizations such as the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA), gathered at the ICAPP (International Conference of Asian Political Parties) Conference on Poverty Alleviation held in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China, under the auspices of the Communist Party of China (CPC) from 13 to 18 July, 2010.

We emphasize that poverty alleviation and common development signify a lofty dream of humankind, shared responsibility of the international community, deserve high priority in Asian and other developing countries in the world, as well as an historical mission for the political parties across Asia and the developing world. We express our strong support for the efforts led by the United Nations to accelerate progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

We appeal to all political parties, governments, parliaments, NGOs, the civil society organizations and the international community to pursue MDGs with single-minded determination to alleviating poverty. Reflecting the diversity of Asia as its strength, delegates exchanged ideas, experiences and discussed innovative undertakings in pursuit of the goal of poverty alleviation. These ideas include initiatives: an *Asian Anti-Poverty Fund*, an *Asian Micro-Finance Fund*, and final implementation of relevant UN-approved proposals such as Debt-Swaps for financing MDGs. The meeting also lauded the international cooperation in the field of development and poverty reduction, as well as debt relief undertaken by several nations.

We express our admiration for China's success in lifting hundreds of millions of people out of poverty within the span of a generation. This is a unique economic and social achievement in human history, for which the Communist Party of China and its wise leadership deserve due credit.

Finally, we express our appreciation to H.E. Hu Jintao, General Secretary of the CPC Central Committee and President of the People's Republic of China and H.E. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations for their gracious messages of congratulations to the Conference. We express our most sincere gratitude to the leaders of the Communist Party of China and the Government of People's Republic of China for hosting this historic Conference. We also thank the government and the people of Yunnan Province for their support and warm hospitality.

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