Remarks by Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the ICAPP at the Closing Session of the 19th Plenary Meeting of the COPPPPAL at Sheraton President Hotel in San Salvador, El Salvador on October 12, 2010

Mr. Vice President Slavador Sanchez Ceren of El Salvador,
Dr. Antonio Cafiero, Chairman of the COPPPAL,
Hon. Gustavo Caravajal, Co-Chairman of the COPPPAL,
Distinguished Members of the COPPPAL and the ICAPP,
and Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the ICAPP and Hon. Jose de Venecia, its Founding Father and Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee, who had to leave San Salvador early this morning to attend meetings in Indonesia and Malaysia, and my colleagues from the ICAPP who are attending this historic meeting, HRH Sisowath Sirirath, Vice President of the Funcinpec Party of Cambodia, Hon. K. Oli, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary General of the Communist Party of Nepal(UML), and Hon. Sopheap, Deputy Secretary General of the Organizing Committee of the 6th General Assembly of the ICAPP to be held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from December 1 to 4 this year, I'd like to, first of all, extend our most sincere gratitude to the FMLN, Frente Farabundo Marti para la Liberacion Nacional, for its inviting us to attend the 29th Plenary Meeting of the COPPPAL.

We'd also like to not only congratulate the 30th anniversary of the FMLN, but also pay our tribute to the FMLN for its indispensable role in, and great contributions to, achieving democracy in El Salvador.

We'd also like to express our deepest thanks to President Mauricio Funes and the government and the people of El Salvador for their warmest hospitality extended to the ICAPP delegation.

We'd like to extend our highest respect and solidarity to our friends of the COPPPAL, in particular, to their two outstanding leaders, Dr. Antonio Cafiero and Hon. Gustavo Caravajal. We congratulate you all on the unanimous adoption this morning of the San Salvador Declaration which well reflects the results of most constructive and productive discussions you've had over the last several days.

Listening to your discussions, we, the ICAPP delegates, have not only become more aware of political, social and economic developments and realities in Latin America and the Caribbean, but also identified common challenges we are facing both in Asia and the Americas. We are facing challenges of poverty, violence and terrorism, threats to democratic institutions, political corruption, environmental destruction, drugs, etc.

We now need to work out common strategy to effectively deal with these common challenges. The best strategy is to consolidate our cooperation through increased dialogue and exchanges. Doing so, we can enhance mutual understanding, share our experiences and ultimately coordinate our policies.

That way, we can achieve our common objectives of political democracy, economic prosperity and permanent peace. And more importantly, we can make it sure that every

citizen in our continents can share the benefits from these achievements.

In this regard, I am very pleased to report to you that both Co-Chairmen of the COPPPAL and the ICAPP, Dr. Cafiero and Mr. Caravajal from the COPPPAL and Hon. Jose de Venecia and myself from the ICAPP, had conducted preliminary talks on how to organize our Second Joint Session to be held in Phnom Penh on Dec. 3 this year on the sidelines of the 6th General Assembly of the ICAPP, and agreed tentatively to focus on four major topics which we believe are most relevant in meeting our common challenges.

The first topic we propose is regarding the establishment of the Global Anti-Poverty Fund. In fact, at the ICAPP Special Conference on Poverty Alleviation which was held in Kunming, China last July adopted a joint declaration in which a proposal to establish the Asian Anti-Poverty Fund was made. The Kunming declaration was submitted to the U.N. Secretary General in time for it to be circulated as a U.N. document to the participants in UN MDG Summit held in mid September. The U.N. Secretary General also endorsed the initiative and emphasized that the initiative should now be taken up by the governments of the concerned member states. And we now propose to our COPPPAL partners to make joint efforts to push for a Global Anti-Poverty Fund, and join hands in the U.N. process to make concrete outcome out of this initiative.

Secondly, we propose to discuss how to make the best use of debt payment by developing countries to debtors, including a way to channel the fund to finance U.N. MDG projects.

Thirdly, we propose to establish a joint ICAPP-COPPPAL Economic Council. The Council can be composed of representatives of both the ICAPP Standing Committee and the COPPPAL Coordinating Body, and the representatives of business leaders both in Asia and Latin America. The terms of reference of this council can be discussed in further detail at our next joint session.

Fourthly, we propose to continue our efforts to reach out to political parties in Africa with a view to convening the first trilateral conference among political parties in Africa, Asia and America.

Excellencies, and ladies and gentlemen,

Once again, we, the ICAPP delegates, would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the COPPPAL and the FMLN for inviting to this historic event.

Thank you very much.