Report on the Results of the ICAPP Mission to the European Parliament
(November 30-Decemebr 2, 2016)

Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the ICAPP, visited the European Parliament (EP) in Brussels, Belgium during November 30-December 2, 2016. Mr. Chung was accompanied by Hon. Dr. Lee Hye-hoon, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee representing the *Saenuri* Party of the Republic of Korea, and Ms. Ra Su-jin, Assistant to the ICAPP Secretary General.

The ICAPP Mission had meetings with leaders and representatives of the four leading groups of political parties in the EP, i.e. the EPP, S&D, ECR and ALDE, and the leading political party group in the European Council, i.e. ACRE. The list of the representatives of the political groups that the ICAPP Mission met during its visit is as follows.

1. European People's Party (EPP, 215/751)
- Mr. Antonio López-Istúriz, Secretary General and Member of the European Parliament
- Ms. Pilar Santamaria, Head of Secretary General's Cabinet and Media Adviser

2. Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D, 189/751)
- Mr. Dario Capezzuto, Policy Adviser, Office of Vice-president Victor Bostinaru
- Mr. Jorgen Siil, Political Adviser on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Unit

3. European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR, 74/751)
- Hon. Ms. Helga Stevens, MEP (Belgium), Vice Chair of ECR and Co-Chair of Disability Intergroup, Member of LIBE and EMPL Committees

4. Alliance of Liberals and Democrats in Europe (ALDE, 69/751)
- Hon. Urmas Paet, MEP (Estonia), and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Estonia
- Mr. Alexandre Krauss, Policy Advisor, Committee on Budgets

5. Alliance of Conservatives and Reformists in Europe (ACRE, 2/28)
- Mr. Jan Zahradil, President of ACRE
- Mr. Richard Milsom, Executive Director
- Ms. Ly Le, Advisor to the President

At the meetings, Mr. Chung informed the leaders of the political groups in Europe that the ICAPP Standing Committee has endorsed, and strongly supported, the proposal to establish the Asia Europe Political Forum (AEPF) which had been agreed upon in principle between the four principal groups of political parties in the EP and the ICAPP during his visit to Brussels in September 2015. Mr. Chung reported, however, that, despite efforts on the part of the ICAPP, the 1st meeting of the AEPF could not have been held in 2016 as originally expected due to insufficient communication and preparations.

In this regard, Mr. Chung made the proposal, on behalf of the ICAPP, to hold the 1st Meeting of the AEPF during the first half of 2017 in Asia in line with the following guidelines:

- The meeting will be attended by the Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee and representatives of the four principal groups of political parties in the EP. In addition, representatives of other political parties in Asia and of other groups of political

parties in Europe may be invited upon agreement between the ICAPP Standing Committee and the four principal groups of political parties in the EP.

- The meeting will be held regularly on the basis of rotation between Asia and Europe.
- The main theme or topics of the meeting will be decided in advance through consultation between the ICAPP Secretariat and the representatives of the four principal groups of political parties in the EP.
- The host(s) will provide conference facilities and other conveniences, including local accommodation for the participants.
- The program will start with a welcoming reception in the evening of Friday, to be followed by one day plenary meeting on Saturday and optional cultural event on Sunday.

The representatives of the all four groups in the EP agreed in principle to the proposal, and suggested July 7-9, 2017 as most convenient time for the meeting for them. As for the venue, they expressed strong wish to have the meeting in East Asia, including Korea. They also expressed keen interest in including "promotion of trade between Asia and Europe" in the agenda. In particular, they expressed interest in promoting trade and business among small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs). Some representatives also expressed interest in cooperation to strengthen the multilateral trading system through trade liberalization negotiations at the World Trade Organization (WTO).

In this regard, both sides agreed to continue to have consultation on the details of the meeting, including the time, venue and topics.

At the meetings, Mr. Chung also made a brief introduction on the ICAPP's recent efforts to reach out to political parties in other continents, like Latin America and Africa, briefed them on the results of the 1st Trilateral Meeting among Representatives of the ICAPP, COPPPAL and CAPP which was held in Jakarta in April 2016. He particularly reported that the participants in the trilateral meeting agreed to initiate a process to build a "global forum of political parties" and expressed hope that political parties in Europe will eventually participate in this process as well. In this regard, he pointed out that the observer delegation from Europe to the meeting, led by Hon. Helga Stevens, Vice Chairman of the ECR, was most appreciated and welcomed by all participants.

The representatives of the all four groups in the EP responded positively to such suggestions and agreed to establish regular dialogue and promote exchanges and cooperation between the ICAPP and the groups of European political parties, including cross-participating in each other's major events as observers and coordinating each other's activities to meet common challenges like climate change, terrorism, migration, etc.

Attached is the program of the ICAPP Mission's visit to EP.