Draft Annotated Agenda
for the 28th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee
(Seoul, July 7, 2017)

As of June 29, 2017

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

Passing Away of Hon. Samdech Vibol Panha Sok An

As was informed by ICAPP Update 17-07 of March 16, 2017, Hon. Samdech Vibol Panha Sok An, Vice Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in charge of the Office of the Ministers, and Member of the Supreme Council of the Cambodian People's Party(CPP), passed away in the evening of March 15, 2017.

In this regard, Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the ICAPP, attended the funeral service of the late Deputy Prime Minister held in Phnom Penh in the morning of March 19 on behalf of the ICAPP Standing Committee, and delivered condolences to H.E. Prime Minister Hun Sen, H.E. Heng Samrin, Speaker of the National Assembly, and H.E. Say Chhum, President of the Senate and Secretary General of the CPP. Mr. Chung, in particular, recognized the great leadership and contributions of the late DPM in the development of the ICAPP. At a separate meeting with Mr. Chung, H.E. Say Chhum confirmed that the CPP would continue to support the ICAPP activities and nominate a high-level representative to the ICAPP Standing Committee.

Mr. Chung also paid a visit to Madam Annie Sok An at her residence and personally delivered all the letters of condolence that the Secretariat had received from SC Members. She expressed profound gratitude to all SC Members for their heartfelt condolences and sympathy.

New Members of the SC

As was informed by ICAPP Update 16-48 of September 8, 2016, the Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA), which was invited to join the ICAPP Standing Committee at the 27th SC Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur in September 2016, has nominated Dato' Dr. Hou Kok Chung, Vice President of the MCA, as its representative to the SC. Dr. Hou Kok Chung is also Chairman of the Institute of Strategic Analysis & Policy Research (INSAP) in Malaysia.

As was informed by ICAPP Update 16-62 of October 27, 2016, Hon. Hiroe Makiyama, newly appointed Director-General of the International Department of the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ), has replaced Hon. Yukihisa Fujita as new representative of the DPJ in the ICAPP Standing Committee in September 2016.

As was informed by ICAPP Update 17-13 of May 2, 2017, Hon. Munkhjin Batsumber, Head of the Office for International Cooperation, has replaced Hon. Davaasuren Damdinsuren, Head of the Political Affairs and Party Organization Department, as a new representative of the Mongolian People's Party of Mongolia in the ICAPP Standing Committee.

As was informed by ICAPP Update 17-23 of June 2, 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 of Republic of the Union of Myanmar has replaced Hon. U Khin Yi as the representative of the USDP in the ICAPP Standing Committee. Hon. U Khin Yi, Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee is said to be in charge of Disciplinary Committee of the Party.

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

In accordance with Paragraph 4, Article 9 of the ICAPP Charter, the Islamic *Motalefeh* Party of Iran had agreed to invite another principal political party in Iran to the ICAPP Standing Committee. In this regard, the Secretariat has received the request from Islamic Labour Party of Iran, wishing to join the ICAPP Standing Committee through the Islamic *Motalefeh* Party. Attached is the letter from Hon. Hosein Kamali, Secretary General of Islamic Labour Party. (See ***Appendix II)***

- ***Para 4 of Article 9 of the ICAPP Charter:***
  "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."

At present, out of 23 countries which have been invited to the Standing Committee, 14 countries, i.e. Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Thailand are represented by two principal political parties of their countries.

Election of Vice Chairman

H.E. Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia and President of the CPP, nominated on March 22, 2017 Hon. Hor Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and Member of the Standing Committee of the Cambodian People's Party, as the new Vice Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee. Attached is the nomination letter from H.E. Hun Sen. (See ***Appendix III***)

In this regard, Para 1 of Article 11 of the ICAPP Charter stipulates that Vice Chairperson of the Standing Committee shall be elected by consensus of the members of the SC during the General Assembly to serve for two years until the following General Assembly is held.

- ***Para 1 of Article 11 of the ICAPP Charter:***
  "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."
- ***Para. 3 of Article 11 of the Charter:***
  "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."

Accordingly, SC Members are requested to consider the nomination of Hon. Hor Namhong from the CPP to serve the remaining term of the late Vice Chairman Sok An until the 10th General Assembly to be held during the second half of 2018, or they may decide to elect a new Vice Chairman to serve the remaining term until the 10th General Assembly.

Future Meetings of the SC

At the 27th SC Meeting in Kuala Lumpur in September 2016, Hon. Hassan Ghafouri Fard, Former Vice President of Iran, Member of Central Committee of Islamic *Motalefeh* Party of Iran confirmed the previous offer to host the 29th SC Meeting in Tehran, Iran in October 2017. He also confirmed the offer to host the ICAPP Special Conference on the Silk Road back-to-back with the 29th SC Meeting. Attached is the tentative program of the 29th SC Meeting and Special Conference on the Silk Road. (See ***Appendix IV)***

* SC Meetings in 2018?

II. Review of the ICAPP Activities since 27th SC Meeting in September 2016

Report on the Results of the ICAPP Special Conference on Migration and Refugees (Istanbul, November 4-6, 2016)

As was informed by ICAPP Update 16-65 of The ICAPP Special Conference on Migration and Refugees was held in Istanbul, Turkey during November 4-6, 2016 under the auspice of the Justice and Development Party (*AK Parti*).

The Special Conference was attended by representatives of 39 political parties of 22 countries in the region, and observers from CAPP (Council of African Political Parties), ACRE (Alliance of Conservatives and Reformists in Europe), UNHCR (Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), IOM (International Organization for Migration), and the relevant government agencies and civil societies in Turkey.

Attached are the program and the list of participants of the conference. Also attached is the Istanbul Statement on Migration and Refugees which was adopted at the conference. (See ***Appendixes V-1, 2, and 3***)

Report on the Results of the Informal Meeting of the SC (Istanbul, November 4, 2016)

As was informed by ICAPP Update of 16-67 of November 11, 2016, an informal meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee was held on the sideline of the Special Conference on Migration and Refugees held in Istanbul in the evening of November 4, 2017. The meeting was attended by 17 SC Members and 1 observer from the CAPP.

The list of participants and the conclusions of the meeting are attached as ***Appendix VI-1 and 2.***

Report of the ICAPP Mission to the U.N. General Assembly (October 6-11, 2016)

The ICAPP mission composed of Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General, Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Special Rapporteur of the Standing Committee and Senator of Pakistan, Hon. Theo Sambuaga, SC Member representing the GOLKAR Party of Indonesia, and Hon. Youssef Awad, SC Member representing the Free Patriotic Movement Party of Lebanon visited the U.N. Headquarters on the occasion of deliberations at the Sixth Committee of the U.N. General Assembly (UNGA) on the item of granting observer status to the ICAPP on October 11, 2016.

The draft resolution to invite the ICAPP to the UNGA as an observer was co-sponsored by 13 member states, i.e. Australia, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, the Netherlands, the Philippines and Sri Lanka, and was deliberated at the Sixth Committee meeting of the 71st session of the U.N. General Assembly on October 11.

At the meeting, in addition to the co-sponsors, three more member states, i.e. Bangladesh, Iran and Turkey, made statements supporting the draft resolution. Consensus was not reached, however, due to reservations expressed by three member states, i.e. Russia, Syria and Venezuela, on the ground that the ICAPP is not an inter-governmental organization, thus does not meet one of the criteria set by the General Assembly for granting observer status.

In the absence of consensus, the Chairman of the Sixth Committee concluded discussions on the item by recommending member states to continue consultation among them and to revert to it at later stage.

Under the circumstances, the representatives of several co-sponsoring member states advised the ICAPP Secretariat later that the co-sponsors announce their decision not to pursue the request for observer status at the current session of the UNGA, while reserving the right to present it at a future session.

They also proposed to recommend the Sixth Committee to conclude its consideration of the item on the ICAPP without taking action at its meeting in late October or November, as was the decision taken on the same agenda item at the Sixth Committee meeting on November 19, 2013. It was their view that, under the circumstances, it seems difficult to expect to win the consensus in the foreseeable future, and it may be the best way to defer consideration on the item to a future session as they did at the 68th session in November 2013.

In this regard, the Secretariat requested SC Members to submit their opinion on the above suggestion by ICAPP Update 16-61 of October 14, 2016, and there had been no objection. And the SC Members who attended the informal meeting in Istanbul on November 4 agreed to continue discussions as to what action the ICAPP should take on this matter at the 28th SC meeting.

Attached is the report of the ICAPP Mission to the U.N. during October 6-11, 2016. (See ***Appendix VII***)

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

Attached is the report of ICAPP Mission to the European Parliament. (See ***Appendix VIII***)

III. Preparations for ICAPP Media Forum and Asia-Europe Political Forum

3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum on July7, 2017

The 3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum was held here in Seoul today attended by 00 ICAPP Standing Committee members of 37 political parties from 23 countries and 00 journalists from 13 countries in the region recommended by the SC members of their countries. The participants discussed on two topics, that is, the Role of Media in Political Democratization and the Role of Media in building an Asian Community.
They elected members of the new Bureau of the Media Forum who will serve until the end of the Media Forum meeting in two years, and also adopted Seoul statement on the role of media in political democratization and building an Asian community.

Attached are the Program of the Meeting, Participants List and the Statement (draft).
(See ***Appendix IX-1, 2, and 3***)

1st Meeting of Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF) on July 9

At the 25th SC Meeting in Beijing in October 2015, SC Members endorsed the agreement to establish the Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF), which had been reached, in principle, at the meetings between the leaders of the four principal groups of political parties in the European Parliament, i.e. the European People's Party (EPP), the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D), the European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR) and the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE), and Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Co-Chairman of the Standing Committee and Secretary General of the ICAPP, during Mr. Chung's visit to Brussels in September 2015.

After close consultations with some Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee and the representatives of political groups in the European Parliament, including Hon. Zan Zahradil, President of the Alliance of Conservatives and Reformists in Europe (ACRE) who visited Seoul in early January 2017, it was tentatively agreed to hold the 1st Meeting of the AEPF in Seoul during July 7-10, 2017 in consideration of the work programs of the EP.

The Secretariat suggested "climate change" and "populism in politics" as two topics for the meeting accommodating some suggestions it had received from SC Members of the ICAPP and European delegations. After receiving a suggestion by a SC member, "Asia-Europe connectivity" was added as a minor topic which can accommodate the promotion of economic relations including trade between Asia and Europe, in which the European side had expressed their interest before.

At the end of the meeting, it is also suggested that participants adopt a brief joint statement on the future of the AEPF. The draft for the statement was prepared by the ICAPP Secretariat and circulated to all participants.

In addition, at the request of several representatives of the political party groups in the European Parliament (EP), the Secretariat prepared the tour of Panmunjom in the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) on Saturday, 8th July.

Attached are the Program of the Meeting, Participants List and the Statement (draft). (See ***Appendix X-1, 2, and 3***)

IV. Review of Other ICAPP Work Programs for 2017 and 2018

4th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing (Mongolia, August 2017)

At the 25th SC meeting in Beijing in October 2015, Mongolian People's Party (MPP) and Democratic Party of Mongolia expressed their intention to host the Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing and they confirmed the offer, at the 26th SC Meeting in April 2016, to host the Meeting of the Youth Wing back-to- back with SC Meeting scheduled in 2017.

After the MPP cancelled the 28th meeting of the Standing Committee originally scheduled in Ulaanbaatar in May 2017 as was informed by the ICAPP Update 17-08 of 31 March, the Secretariat asked the MPP to prepare well the 4th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing on the occasion of an informal meeting in Seoul with Hon. Temuulen Ganzorig, Member of Parliament of Mongolia and got a positive response form the Mongolian side.
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We have yet to wait for the concrete dates (preferably in August) and venue from Ulaanbaatar.

5th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing (Beirut, September 2017)

The Bureau Members of the ICAPP Women's Wing and the representatives of the Future Movement and the Free Patriotic Movement of Lebanon, who attended the ICAPP Special Conference on Migration and Refugees which was held in Istanbul during November 4-6, 2016, agreed to hold the 5th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing in Beirut, Lebanon in (July or) September 2017. More information, including the dates and agenda, will be provided in due course.

ICAPP Special Conference on the Silk Road (Tehran, October 2017)

The representatives of the Islamic *Motalefeh* Party of Iran who attended the ICAPP Special Conference on Migration and Refugees which was held in Istanbul during November 4-6 confirmed its offer to host the 29th SC Meeting and the ICAPP Special Conference on the Silk Road in Tehran in October 2017.

More information, including the dates and agenda of the meeting and the name of the new political party to be invited to the SC from Iran, will be provided in due course.

10th General Assembly of the ICAPP in 2018

Volunteers to host the next General Assembly of the ICAPP, probably in September 2018, will be welcomed.

IV. Cooperation with the COPPPAL and CAPP

Establishment and the 1st Meeting of the Coordination Committee among the ICAPP Standing Committee, the COPPPAL Coordinating Body and the CAPP Executive Committee

As was informed by ICAPP Update 16-67 of November 11, 2016, it was agreed at the informal SC meeting, held in Istanbul on November 4 on the sideline of the ICAPP Special Conference on Migration and Refugees, to have the first Meeting of the Coordination Committee for Trilateral Cooperation among the ICAPP, COPPPAL and CAPP in Khartoum, Sudan in February 2017.

The meeting was to be attended by around five representatives each from the ICAPP Standing Committee, COPPPAL Governing Body and CAPP Executive Committee. The main purpose of the meeting is to discuss the areas and scope of trilateral cooperation among the political parties in three continents in accordance with the Jakarta Declaration on Trilateral Cooperation adopted on April 23, 2016 and to prepare for the 2nd Trilateral Meeting.

However, while we were planning to attend the first Meeting of the Coordination Committee among the ICAPP Standing Committee, the COPPPAL Coordinating Body and the CAPP Executive Committee due to be held in Khartoum, Sudan during February 24-25, 2017, an incident happened which made the Meeting cancelled.

As was informed by ICAPP Update 17-03 of February 21, despite repeated requests from the ICAPP, the Sudanese immigration authorities officially confirmed their decision to reject entry visas to an ICAPP delegation on the grounds of bilateral political disputes. After close consultation with the SC Members who were planning to attend the meeting, it was agreed that the decision by the Sudanese government was against one of the principles of the ICAPP and was not acceptable.

Accordingly, the Secretariat conducted close consultations with the CAPP Secretariat to resolve the problem, but, unfortunately, both sides finally agreed that it would not be possible to convene the meeting as originally planned under the situation.

In this regard, the Secretariat will continue to closely coordinate with the COPPPAL and the CAPP on the venue and the time for the meeting which will be informed in due course.

Proposed Trilateral Meeting among ICAPP-COPPAL-CAPP at 35th Plenary Meeting of the COPPPAL (Quito, Ecuador, November 2017)

Hon. Manolo Pichardo, President of the Permanent Conference of Political Parties of Latin America and the Caribbean (Copppal), suggested to hold the trilateral Meeting (1st Coordination Committee Meeting) with ICAPP-COPPPAL-CAPP in Quito, Ecuador in November 2017, in the framework of the 35th Ordinary Plenary Meeting of the COPPPAL, in a letter dated 23 February, 2017 addressed to the Chairman of the ICAPP as ***in Appendix XI***.

IV. Other Activities of the ICAPP

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

As was reported at the agenda item II, SC Members who attended the informal meeting in Istanbul on November 4, 2016 agreed to continue discussions as to what action the ICAPP will take on this matter at future SC meetings.
There may be two options. One is to pursue the request for observer status of the ICAPP in the UNGA at the 72nd Session this year again, or we study what kind of new approach can obtain the consensus in the Sixth Committee of the UNGA.

Signing of the Inter-governmental MOU to Support ICAPP Activities

The inter-governmental MOU to provide support for the activities of the ICAPP, which was first signed on July 26, 2013, has so far been signed by the governments of 11 countries in the region with Mongolia as the recent participant, i.e. Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Iran, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Nepal, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

In this regard, more governments of the countries in the region, in particular those countries which are represented in the SC, are requested to sign the MOU in the near future.

Attached is the signed copy of MOU with 11 signatures. (See ***Appendix XII)***

Terms of Reference of the Cultural Council of the ICAPP

Following the proposal, at the ICAPP Special Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation in Vladivostok in May 2015, by Hon. Andrey Klimov, Deputy Chairman of the Committee on International Affairs of the Council of Federation (Senate) and Advisor to the Chairman of the Supreme Council of the United Russia Party to establish the ICAPP Cultural Council, there was discussion on this issue again in the 27th Standing Committee of the ICAPP in September 2016 and it was proposed that the SC Members from Cambodia, China, Nepal and Russia would prepare the draft Terms of Reference (ToR).

Attached is the draft ToR of the Cultural Council of the ICAPP, which was prepared by the SC Member from Cambodia in consultation with the Members from China, Nepal and Russia, to be endorsed by the Standing Committee. (See ***Appendix XIII)***

VI. Other Issues

Appointment of Deputy Secretary General and Acting Secretary General

As was informed by ICAPP Update 17-09 of April 3, 2017, in accordance with Paragraph 1, Article 13 of the ICAPP Charter, and as had been suggested at previous SC meetings, the Secretariat has appointed Hon. Jeon Jae-man, former Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Thailand, as its Deputy Secretary General as of April 1, 2017.

As was informed by ICAPP Update 17-20 of May 24, Mr. Jeon is now doing Acting Secretary General's job, since Hon. Chung Eui-yong was appointed as Director for National Security and Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National Security Council (NSC) of the Republic of Korea.

Other Issues

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

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