Annotated Agenda for
the 32nd Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee
(Colombo, Sri Lanka, April 6, 2019)

I. Preparations for the 3rd Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum

Following the proposal made at the 2nd Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF) in 2018 in London by Hon. Daya Gamage, Vice Chairperson of the Asia-Europe Political Forum, Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment of Sri Lanka and Senior Deputy Chairman of the United National Party of Sri Lanka, the Secretariat received the letter of confirmation from the Sri Lanka on holding the 3rd Meeting of the AEPF in Colombo, Sri Lanka on April 5-7, and there were in-depth consultations during the Secretary General's visit to Colombo on February 22-23.

Following a process of close consultations, the host and the members of the AEPF reached a decision to select the following theme for the Meeting.

"How political parties can handle the challenges of social security and employment of the increasing aged population as well as items of current urgency in the Asian region."

The Management of the AEPF

As at the 2nd Meeting of the AEPF in London in 2018, it would be advisable for members to cooperate for the effective and practical management of each session.

In accordance with the host's request and subsequent consensus among members, the Asian side and the European side have selected experts to make their presentation on the theme for **15 minutes** in each session.

Participants who signed up to make remarks are requested to limit their remarks to **7 minutes** to ensure efficient discussions.

Report by the Organizing Committee of the 3rd AEPF

Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment of Sri Lanka and Senior Deputy Chairman of the United National Party, will make a

brief report on the preparations for the 3rd AEPF in his capacity as the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 3rd AEPF.

As of 26 March, more than 70 representatives of [25] political parties and political groups from Asia and Europe have confirmed their participation in the 3rd AEPF. The tentative Program, List of Participants, and Concept Paper of the 3rd AEPF are attached as ***Appendixes I-1, I-2 and I-3.***

Important Events in the Schedule

The Sri Lankan side is reviewing the possibility of arranging dinners and participation of the political leaders of Sri Lanka, during the AEPF period.

The Colombo Statement for the 3rd AEPF will be adopted at the Closing Session. The draft Colombo Statement for 3rd AEPF, which was prepared by the host and the Secretariat, has been circulated in advance to SC Members. (See ***Appendix I-4***) The SC Members are cordially requested to review the draft and make their comments, if necessary, at the latest before the Opening Session of the AEPF Meeting on April 6.

Election of the Bureau of the Asia-Europe Political Forum (*See* ***Appendix V)***

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

Future Meetings of the SC

1. The meetings in 2019 with their hosts and schedules have been confirmed, or are being discussed as follows:

    1) It is confirmed that the *Yeni* (New) Azerbaijan Party (YAP) will host the 6th Meeting of the ICAPP **Women's Wing** and the 5th Meeting of the ICAPP **Youth Wing** on June 7-8, 2019 in Baku, Azerbaijan (The tentative Program is attached as ***Appendix II-1.***)

    - Hon. Ali Ahmadov, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Deputy Chairman of Executive Secretary of the YAP, has sent his Letter of Intent to the Secretariat, which is attached as ***Appendix II-2***.
    - At the meetings there will be discussions on the topics proposed by the host. **"The Role of Youth in Social and Political Activities and Women Empowerment."**

2. The meetings to be held in 2020 will be arranged under close consultations between the potential hosts and the Secretariat.

1) Special Conference on Inter-Religious Dialogue (***Appendix III***)

- Tentative date and venue: Lumbini or Kathmandu, Nepal (June or August of 2020)
- Objectives: (1) Developing peaceful foundation of religions through comparison on the perspectives toward Buddhist culture of the Christianity and Islam and (2) Promoting mutual understanding through academic seminars on Buddhist culture diffusion within Asia and comparison on local adaptation.
- Organizing Institution: G.P. Koirala Foundation of Nepal
- Major Programs: Workshops and Cultural Performances among Religions in Asia to promote Global Peace and Mutual Understanding

2) The 11th Meeting of the ICAPP General Assembly to be held in 2020 (See ***Appendix VI***)

Incentive mechanism to serve as additional Vice-Chairperson

It was suggested that a SC member who has hosted the General Assembly Meeting be given an opportunity to serve as a Bureau member of the Standing Committee for one term. As an established practice of the ICAPP decisions, such understanding would be valid until the amendment to be adopted on the Article 11 of the ICAPP Charter on bureau of the ICAPP Standing Committee, in near future.

Idea on the Global Platform

Hon. Andrey Klimov, Deputy Secretary of the General Council on International Affairs of the United Russia Party, suggested an idea of introducing the Global Platform (GP), which aims to create a new website, capable of video conferences and other activities.

It would be advisable to review the suggestion, taking into account various aspects of the platform proposal and the official website of the ICAPP (www.theicapp.org).

III. Review of the ICAPP Activities since the 31st SC Meeting in October 2018

The Special Workshop on Green Cities and Air Quality Improvement (Seoul, November 1, 2018)

The Special Workshop on Green Cities and Air Quality Improvement, co-hosted by the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), the ROK Parliamentary Union of the ICAPP and the Secretariat of the ICAPP, was held in Seoul on October 30 to

November 2, 2018. The Special Workshop was attended by 38 delegates from 14 countries. Hon. Park Ro-byug, Secretary General of the ICAPP, and Hon. Frank Rijsberman, Director General of the GGGI, signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the Comprehensive Partnership on Green Growth Cooperation, with a view to developing cooperative programs in the future. The Memorandum of Understanding between the ICAPP and the GGGI is attached as ***Appendixes IV***.

The 1st Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (Siem Reap, Cambodia, January 14-16, 2019)

The 1st Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC), hosted by the Cambodian People's Party (CPP), was successfully held in Siem Reap, Cambodia on January 14-16, 2019, on the occasion of the 27th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF). The Meeting was attended by more than 160 delegates from 20 countries.

IV. Other Activities of the ICAPP

ICAPP's Cooperation with the UN

In accordance with the agreement we reached at the 28th Standing Committee Meeting in 2017, underlining the importance of reviewing the approaches of the ICAPP to cooperation with the UN, it is highly recommendable that the ICAPP members take a step by step approach as follows:

1. To cooperate with the ICAPP Secretariat in order to develop various formats for cooperation, including promoting of sub-regional programs and establishing a committee for the UN, composed by SC members and experts; and
2. Further improve the Charter with updating its elements.

Outreach to the U.S.

Following the discussions among the members of the ICAPP SC, the Secretary General of the ICAPP will explore a possibility of opening dialogue channels with the political leaders and political parties in North America, including the United States in 2019.

Appendixes:

- *I. 3rd Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum*
  1. *Tentative Program*
  2. *List of Participants*
  3. *Concept Paper*
  4. *Draft Colombo Statement*
- *II. 6th ICAPP Women's Wing and the 5th ICAPP Youth Wing*
  1. *Tentative Program*
  2. *Letter from Hon. Ali Ahmadov*
- *III. Special Conference on Inter-Religious Dialogue*
- *IV. Memorandum of Understanding between the ICAPP and the GGGI*
- *V. Letter of Hon. Jan Zahradil*
- *VI. Letter of Hon. Jose de Venecia*

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