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To the bereaved family of the late
H.E. Former President Hussain Muhammad Ershad

We in the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), representing some 350 ruling, opposition and independent political parties from 52 countries in Asia, join your family and the people of Bangladesh in mourning the passing of one of the most respected leaders of Bangladesh and Asia, H.E. Former President Hussain Muhammad Ershad.

He was a man of remarkable achievements – as Army chief, President, parliamentary leader, and Asian statesman – and had greatly contributed in advancing the causes of peace, security, human development, economic modernization and environmental protection in Bangladesh, Asia and the international community, which won him distinguished awards from the United Nations (U.N.).

He also played an important role in the founding of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), which first summit was held in Dhaka in 1985, during his presidency.

As a highly-regarded member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Former President Ershad contributed his wealth of wisdom and experience in promoting and deepening dialogue, understanding and cooperation among Asian countries and peoples through political parties.

We his friends and colleagues in the ICAPP Standing Committee will surely miss him.

Very truly yours,

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