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Friday, 18 November

14:30	**Opening Remarks** by _____, Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Media Forum
14:40	**Presentations** (5 minutes each) by Journalists and Representatives of Political Parties within the framework of the main theme of "The Role of Political Parties in Strengthening Dialogue for Global Peace, Prosperity and Cooperation"
15:20	**Discussion, and adoption of,** the Draft "Istanbul Statement for the 5th Media Forum"
15:25	**Closing Remarks** by _____, Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Media Forum
15:30	**Adjournment** of the Meeting

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Keynote Speech by Prof. Fahrettin Altun, Communications Director, Republic of Türkiye, delivered in the 2nd Plenary Session

14:30 **Opening Remarks** by _____, Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Media Forum

14:40 **Presentations by Representatives of Journalists**

- Ms. Merve Şebnem Oruç, Columnist for Daily Sabah, Türkiye, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP Media Forum, Türkiye
- Mr. Gunel Malikova, Correspondent of the Azerbaijan State News Agency (AZERTAC), Representative from New Azerbaijan Party, Azerbaijan
- Ms. Seo Ji-yong, Journalist (Reunification and Foreign Affairs) of Korean Broadcasting System (KBS), Republic of Korea
- Ms. Sharmin Nahar, News Broadcaster of NTV International Television Channel Ltd., Bangladesh
- Mr. Saddam Munawer, Central Coordinator for Media and Media Strategy Digital Communication, Pakistan
- Ms. Nazakat Hama Saeed, Member of Media Foundation Board of Kurdistan Democratic Party, Iraq

Presentations by Representatives of Political Parties

- Hon. Tugba Işık Ercan, Deputy Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Department of *AK Parti,* Türkiye
- Hon. Bimal Rathnayake, Member of Political Bureau and National Organizer of *Janatha Vimukthi Peramnua* (*JVP*), former Member of Parliament, Sri Lanka
- Mr. Almuzzammil Muhammad Yusuf, Head of Politics, Law and Security Division of Prosperous Justice Party **(**PKS), Indonesia
- Hon. Alisher Khamraev, Deputy Chairperson of the Defense and Security Committee at the Legislative Chamber of the *Oliy Majlis* of Republic of Uzbekistan, Deputy Chairperson of Uzbekistan National Revival Democratic Party (*Milliy Tiklanish*), Uzbekistan
- Ms. Liyana Dhamirah Selamat, Treasurer and Member of the Central Executive Council of Red Dot United, Singapore
- Hon. Abdullah Al Akwaa, Member of *Shura* Council, Deputy Chairperson of the Foreign Committee of Yemeni Congregation for Reform, Yemen
- Mr. Rafiqul Islam Sujon, Convener of *Janalok*, Worker's Party, Bangladesh
- Mr. Md. Rokonuzzman, Joint General-Secretary of Central Executive Committee of National Social Party of Bangladesh **(***Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal-JASOD*), Bangladesh

15:20 **Discussion, and adoption of,** the Draft "Istanbul Statement for the 5th Media Forum"

15:25 **Closing Remarks** by _____, Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Media Forum

15:30 **Adjournment** of the Meeting

Seoul Statement on launching the ICAPP Media Forum

We, the journalists from Azerbaijan, Cambodia, India, Iran, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Turkey, countries which are represented in the Standing Committee of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), gathered in Seoul, Republic of Korea, during September 16-18, 2015, together with the representatives of the leading political parties of their countries, and agreed to launch the ICAPP Media Forum (hereinafter referred to as the "Forum") and held the first meeting of the Forum, in accordance with the agreements reached at the 16th and 24th Meetings of the ICAPP Standing Committee held in October 2011 and March 2015 respectively.

Firstly, we welcomed the achievements made by the ICAPP since its inception in Manila in 2000 in bringing together, in regular fraternal assemblies and meetings, leaders of competing governing, opposition and independent political parties in Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, Central Asia, West Asia, Middle East and Oceania. We also acknowledged that the ICAPP has now become a positive political force to promote mutual understanding and friendship among Asian countries and peoples representing over 350 political parties in 52 countries in the region with diverse political and ideological backgrounds.

We confirmed our support for the ICAPP's efforts to enhance mutual trust and promote exchanges and cooperation among Asian countries through the unique role and channel of political parties, and create an environment for sustained peace and shared prosperity in the region. In this regard, we agreed that the main function of the Forum will be to help promote interaction between the ICAPP and peoples in the region through diversified and wide media coverage of the ICAPP activities, and to expand communication and cooperation between the ICAPP and the media. We also agreed that, in order to properly implement the said function, we need to meet regularly, preferably on the sidelines of main assemblies of the ICAPP, such as General Assembly, Standing Committee meetings or Special Conferences of the ICAPP, and expressed our hope to hold the 2nd Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum during the 9th General Assembly of the ICAPP to be held in Kuala Lumpur in September 2016.

At the first meeting of the Forum, we exchanged views, in particular, on how to support the ICAPP's efforts to build an Asian community. In this regard, we shared the view that the ICAPP activities need to be more focused on specific issues which are directly related to lives of the peoples in the region, such as poverty alleviation, environmental protection, women's empowerment, etc. We also strongly recommended the ICAPP to be more attentive to the need to reduce all forms of conflicts among countries in the region.

We expressed our hope that the ICAPP will continue to play a key role not only in building a cohesive community in Asia, but also in the global quest for a more peaceful and prosperous world. In this regard, we expressed our strong support for the ICAPP's efforts to reach out to other regions in the world, such as holding annual joint sessions with the COPPPAL, the Permanent Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean, since 2009, and helping establish the CAPP, the Council of African Political Parties, in 2013. We also encouraged the ICAPP to establish contacts with organizations of political parties in Europe as well, and expressed our hope that the ICAPP will eventually develop into a global institution encompassing all political parties in the world regardless of differences in ideological

orientations. In this regard, we welcomed the ICAPP's initiative to hold the first trilateral meeting among the representatives of the ICAPP, COPPPAL and CAPP in Indonesia in April 2016.

We also supported the ICAPP's bid for observer status in the U.N. General Assembly. We believe that the ICAPP can play a major role in forging cooperation between the United Nations and the political parties not only of Asia but also of other regions, by channeling to the U.N. system the views of our peoples in all their diversity, promoting public awareness and support of international agreements reached at the U.N., building international consensus on U.N. action to meet key challenges, and providing support for political parties to increase their capacity to carry out their law making at local and national level and oversight functions on matters subject to international cooperation at the U.N. In particular, the ICAPP, representing all leading political parties in Asia and in cooperation with their counterparts in other regions, will be able to make most critical contributions to implementing the new global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets through the year 2030, which are to be adopted at the U.N. Summit in New York during September 25-27, 2015.

Finally, we expressed our gratitude to the ICAPP Secretariat for hosting the 1st Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum under the theme of "cooperation to build an Asian community." We also extended our special thanks to the Korea Foundation, Hon. Park Won-soon, Mayor of Seoul and the ICAPP Parliamentarian's Union in the Korean National Assembly for their co-sponsoring the event and warm hospitality during our stay in Korea.

Adopted in Seoul, Republic of Korea on September 17th, 2015.

Terms of Reference

ICAPP Media Forum

※ *Adopted at the 1st Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum on 17 September 2015.*

1. Members

The ICAPP Media Forum will be composed of the following members:

(1) Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee
(2) Up to two journalists from each country which is represented in the ICAPP Standing Committee

2. Function

The main function of the ICAPP Media Forum will be to promote communication, interaction and cooperation between international media and the ICAPP to build an Asian community, and to promote more interaction between the ICAPP and peoples in the region through more diversified and wider media coverage of the ICAPP activities.

3. Election

The ICAPP Media Forum will elect two Co-Chairpersons, one from the ICAPP Standing Committee and one from media representatives, and four Vice Chairpersons, two from the ICAPP Standing Committee and two from media representatives. The terms of office will be two years each.

4. Meetings

The meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum will be held regularly, at least once in two years, preferably back-to-back with either the General Assembly or the Standing Committee Meeting of the ICAPP.

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