**Summary of Secretary-General Cho Byung-jae's Meeting with**
**Mr. Elnimeri Abdelkarim Abdalla Adam,**
**Executive Director of the Secretariat of the Council of African Political Parties**
**(Istanbul, 19 November 2022)**

*Hon. Cho Byung-jae, Secretary-General of the ICAPP, met with Mr. Elnimeri Abdelkarim Abdalla Adam, Executive Director of the Secretariat of the Council of African Political Parties (CAPP), in Khartoum, Sudan during the 11th General Assembly (GA) of the ICAPP, held in Istanbul, Türkiye between 17-20 November 2022. The meeting took place in the Conrad Istanbul Bosphorus Hotel Lobby between 21:00-22:00 on 19 November 2022. Since Mr. Adam was not fluent in English, Hon. Youssef Awad, Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, Coordinator for Asia and Overseas of Free Patriotic Movement Party, Lebanon, volunteered to help interpret the conversation from English to Arabic. Ms. Kim Min-soo, Program Officer of the ICAPP Secretariat, took note of the conversation.*

Secretary-General Cho explained to Mr. Adam that the ICAPP Secretariat had been experiencing difficulties in communicating with the CAPP Headquarters since 2019, and that in-person contact between the two Secretariats had not been possible either due to the pandemic. He had expected to meet the CAPP delegation at the 4th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF), held in Prague, Czech Republic, 10-12 June 2022, as the representatives of the CAPP had also registered to attend the meeting, but was later informed that the CAPP delegation failed to get the visa to enter the Czech Republic.

Mr. Adam responded that, after the popular uprising in 2019, the National Congress Party (NCP), then governing party of Sudan, was banned from politics. The CAPP Secretariat, which was believed to be closely linked with the former government, was also banned. The CAPP Secretariat tried to convince the new government of Sudan that the CAPP and its Secretariat were independent institutions and, thus, should be allowed to continue to work, but to no avail. The financial assistance from the government to the CAPP Secretariat has also been suspended. Hon. Dr. Nafie Ali Nafie, former Secretary-General of the CAPP, has been imprisoned.

Mr. Adam added that the CAPP Secretariat has maintained contacts with a few political parties in Africa online, and even managed to hold a zoom meeting on the theme of "The Fall of Democracy in Africa" in June 2022. He did not provide any details.

Secretary-General Cho told Mr. Adam that under the current political situation in Sudan, the CAPP Secretariat in Khartoum does not seem to be in a position to carry out its function and represent political parties in Africa as the ICAPP and the CAPP had originally envisaged.

In this regard, Secretary-General Cho informed Mr. Adam that at the 38th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee (SC) held on 17 November 2022, there was a discussion on this matter and the SC Members agreed that the ICAPP needs to reach out to political parties in Africa directly, rather than maintain its contact through the CAPP Secretariat, in order to update and upgrade cooperation and coordination between political parties in Asia and Africa to meet the common challenges.

Mr. Adam expressed his understanding to the ICAPP's decision to reach out directly to political parties in other African countries. He however hoped that the political turmoil in Sudan and the dysfunction of the CAPP Secretariat would be transitional.

*The CAPP had registered three representatives as observers, including Dr. Mohamed Yousif Abdalla Mohamed, Deputy Secretary General, for the 11th GA originally, but Mr. Adam was the sole representative who attended the GA.*

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