(Draft) Annotated Agenda
for the 39th Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee
(Busan, Republic of Korea, May 1, 2023)

As of April 26, 2023

I. Statements Issued by the ICAPP Standing Committee (SC)

Passing Away of Hon. Prof. Hassan Ghafourifard

The Members of the Standing Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the SC") of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (hereinafter referred to as "the ICAPP") were informed through the ICAPP Update 23-17 of March 10, 2023 that Hon. Prof. Hassan Ghafourifard, Member of the ICAPP SC, Member of Central Committee of Islamic *Motalefeh* Party of Iran, former Member of Parliament, Head of Physical Education Organization, and Vice President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, passed away in Teheran on Thursday, March 9, 2023.

In this regard, a condolence statement was issued by Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the ICAPP SC, and Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP SC, on behalf of the SC Members. The statement expressed great sorrow on the news and recalled Hon. Prof. Hassan Ghafourifard's unwavering devotion to his nation, and the tremendous contributions to the ICAPP as one of the leading SC members. The statement on the passing away of Hon. Prof. Hassan Ghafourifard is attached as ***Appendix I-1.***

Statement of the ICAPP SC on the Terrorist Bombing in Peshawar

The SC Members issued a statement on February 1, 2023 regarding the brutal terrorist attack against the civilians in the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar on January 30, 2023. The SC Members expressed their solidarity with the people and government of Pakistan, and strongly condemned the entities and individuals who were involved with this unforgivable crime. The statement on the terrorist bombing in Peshawar is attached as ***Appendix I-2.***

Statement of the ICAPP SC on the Earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria

The SC Members issued a statement on February 9, 2023 regarding the devastating earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria on February 6, 2023. They expressed deep sympathy and condolences to the people and governments of Türkiye and Syria regarding the tremendous pain caused by the disaster, and urged the international community to demonstrate solidarity and provide assistance to the two countries in their hour of dire need. Hon. Efkan Ala, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP SC, Deputy Chairperson of *AK Parti* and Chairperson of Foreign Affairs, Member of Parliament for Bursa of Türkiye, sent a letter of gratitude to the SC Members on February 22, 2023 regarding the statement. The statement on the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria and the letter from Hon. Efkan Ala are attached as ***Appendixes I-3, and I-4.***

II. Issues Relating to the ICAPP SC

New Members of the SC

As was informed by the ICAPP Update 22-29 of December 16, 2022, the Democratic Party of Mongolia nominated Hon. Erdenesuvd Derem, Secretary-General of the Democratic Party of Mongolia, as its representative in the ICAPP SC.

As was informed by the ICAPP Update 23-26 of April 26, 2023, the *Amanat* (Commitment) Party of Kazakhstan has recently informed the ICAPP Secretariat that Hon. Daulet Karibek, Secretary of the *Amanat* Party, will be its representative in the ICAPP SC.

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

Appointment of the New Secretary-General

As was informed by the ICAPP Update 23-14 of March 2, 2023, Hon. Ahn Myung-soo, former Ambassador to Turkmenistan and Consul-General in Houston of the Republic of Korea, was appointed as the new Secretary-General of the ICAPP with the consent of the SC Members as of March 1, 2023. In accordance with Para 1, Article 13 of the ICAPP Charter, the appointment of the new Secretary-General shall be subject to confirmation at the 12th General Assembly to be held in 2024. Ambassador Ahn will be in charge of the general management of the Secretariat.

Future Meeting of the SC

At the 37th SC Meeting in Prague on June 11, 2022, Hon. Dr. Rajan Bhattarai, Member of the ICAPP SC representing the Communist Party of Nepal (CPN-UML), proposed to host the 40th SC Meeting, back-to-back with the 5th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum, in Kathmandu, Nepal in October 2023.

The exact dates of the 40th SC Meeting will be notified in due course.

Future Meetings of the General Assembly

At the 38th SC Meeting in Istanbul on November 17, 2022, the SC Members agreed that the 12th General Assembly (GA) will be held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in November 2024. It was also agreed that the 42nd SC Meeting and the 3rd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC) of the ICAPP would be held on the sidelines of the 12th GA. In this regard, SC Members are invited to consider hosting the 41st SC Meeting to be held during the first half of 2024.

At the 38th SC Meeting, the SC Members also agreed that the 13th GA will be co-hosted by the *Minjoo* (Democratic) Party and the People Power Party in Seoul, Republic of Korea, during the second half of 2026.

The exact dates of the future GAs will be notified in due course.

III. Review of the ICAPP Activities Since the 38th SC Meeting

Special Conference on "Security and Cooperation: Role of Political Parties"

The ICAPP Special Conference on "Security and Cooperation: Role of Political Parties" was hosted by the New Azerbaijan Party (*YAP*) in Baku, Azerbaijan between November 20-22, 2022. The opening session of the conference was furnished with the letter from H.E. Ilham Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan, which was read by Hon. Adalat Valiyev, Head of the Department for Relations with Political Parties and Legislative Authority of the Administration of the President of Azerbaijan. The conference was attended by representatives of 20 political parties and special participants. The Baku Statement was adopted at the closing session.

The program, list of participants, and the Baku statement of the Special Conference are attached as ***Appendixes III-1, III-2, and III-3.***

IV. ICAPP Work Program for 2023

1st Meeting of the ICAPP Business Council

The 1st Meeting of the ICAPP Business Council (IBC) will be co-hosted by the *Minjoo* (Democratic) Party and the People Power Party in Busan, Republic of Korea during May 1 to 3, 2023. The meeting will be held under the main theme of "Opportunities and Challenges of Asian Business in the Era of Climate Crisis." The first session of the meeting will focus on the topic of "Transforming Our World for a Better Future: Role of Political Parties in Business," and the second session on "Climate Change and Carbon Neutralization with the Underlying Goal of Asia's Energy Independence."

As was informed by the ICAPP Update 23-24 of April 19, 2023, 28 business leaders from 12 countries have been nominated by the SC Members to participate in the activities of the IBC.

As was informed by the ICAPP Update 23-02 of January 16, 2023, in accordance with the co-hosts' suggestion to pay closer attention to hydrogen's potential as clean, secure and affordable energy in the future, representatives from selected hydrogen-related corporations in Asia were invited to the 1st Meeting of the IBC, in addition to the political parties, observers, and other business leaders recommended by the SC Members. As of April 26, 2023, 20 business leaders and their accompanying delegates, 21 business representatives of hydrogen-related corporations, and 13 representatives of Busan Chamber and Commerce and Industry (CCI) have registered to participate in the 1st Meeting of the IBC, together with 21 Members of the ICAPP SC, 20 special participants, and 5 observers to the SC Meeting.

The program, list of participants, conference procedures, and the updated list of business leaders nominated by SC Members are attached as ***Appendixes IV-1, IV-2, IV-3, and IV-4.***

6th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing and the 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing

At the 38th SC Meeting, held in Istanbul on November 17, 2022, Hon. Tselmuun Manlaijav, Member of the ICAPP SC and Head of Foreign Relations Department of the Mongolian People's Party (MPP), confirmed the MPP's offer to host the 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing and the 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in August 2023.

As was informed by the ICAPP Update 23-04 of January 25, 2023, the MPP confirmed that the 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing and the 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing will be held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from Friday, August 4 to Monday, August 7, 2023, through a letter from Hon. Amarbayasgalan Dashzegve, MPP Secretary-General, to the Secretariat, dated January 20, 2023. The letter from Hon. Amarbayasgalan Dashzegve, MPP Secretary-General, is attached as ***Appendix V.***

5th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum

At the 37th SC Meeting, held in Prague on June 11, 2022, Hon. Dr. Rajan Bhattarai, Member of the ICAPP SC representing the Communist Party of Nepal (CPN-UML) and Co-Chairperson of the Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF), proposed to host the 5th Meeting of the AEPF back-to-back with the 40th SC Meeting in Kathmandu, Nepal in October 2023.

The exact dates of the meeting will be notified in due course.

Proposal for ICAPP Special Conference or Workshop in 2023

The ICAPP Special Conferences have been held on specific topics since 2008. In light of the fact that climate change remains to be the most serious global challenges despite enormous efforts on the national, regional and global level, some SC Members have proposed to hold another ICAPP Special Conference or a smaller-scale workshop on the topic of climate challenges within 2023.

In this regard, the SC Members are reminded that the latest ICAPP deliberation on the topic was conducted at a virtual Special Workshop on Climate Change on December 8, 2021, which adopted Statement of the Special Workshop on Climate Change. The statement is attached as ***Appendix VI.*** The SC Members are also invited to consider hosting the proposed special conference or workshop on the topic of climate change in 2023 in their respective countries.

ICAPP's Role in Post-COVID-19 Era

SC Members are also invited to consider "ICAPP's role in Post-COVID era" as another topic for future ICAPP special conferences or workshops. The global public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 virus has left an unprecedented impact. It has not only raised the alarm as to the global public health risks around the world, but also exposed the vulnerabilities in the socioeconomic structures in our societies and the loopholes of globalization which has worsened the polarization not only within but also among the countries. We also witnessed the troubling gap between countries' ability to secure safe, effective, and affordable vaccines against COVID-19 in a timely manner, and the unproportioned ability to treat the disease, which caused the least developed countries to suffer the most. The divergence among the countries in their capacity to address and overcome the effects of the pandemic prolonged the global recovery as the pandemic respects no borderlines.

Recently, the inflation rates have soared in many countries, including the core inflation which strips out volatile energy and food prices to measure the embedded inflation in an economy. The recent surge in inflation is in part another aftereffect of COVID-19, a direct consequence of the hyper-expansionary monetary and fiscal policies to counter the economic disruptions caused by the pandemic. Given the recent collapse of some banks in some advanced economies

and its potential risk to the stability of the international financial system, the political parties need to be vigilant to ward off any possible domino effect of local or regional financial turmoil.

As an extension to the ICAPP's previous discussions on COVID-19 and the dialogue on enhancing economic security to weather the unpredictable risks in the post-pandemic era, as well as in pursuance of our efforts to devise a collective response to global challenges, the economic and social challenges facing Asia in the wake of COVID-19 and the ICAPP's role in addressing them could be a topic for the ICAPP to keep in mind for its future activities.

VI. Other Issues

Cooperation with Council of African Political Parties (CAPP)

At the 38th SC Meeting, held in Istanbul on November 17, 2022, the SC Members acknowledged the difficulties that the CAPP Secretariat in Khartoum, Sudan was facing in properly functioning as a communication hub for political parties in Africa due to the political instability in the country. Under the circumstances, the SC Members recognized the need to reach out to political parties in Africa directly rather than to do so solely through the CAPP Secretariat. In this regard, some SC Members offered to assist the ICAPP Secretariat in its efforts to expand the contacts with the political parties in Africa and upgrade the cooperation between the two continents by making use of the extensive networks of their parties.

Other Issues

The SC Members may raise any other issue of their interest under this item.

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