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Excellency,

On behalf of the Standing Committee of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Justice and Development Party (*AK Parti*) for winning the parliamentary majority in the election held on May 14, 2023. We would also like to congratulate the *AK Parti* on the victory of H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan during the run-off presidential election held on May 28, 2023. We believe these electoral achievements of the *AK Parti* is a testimony to the vibrant democracy of the Republic of Türkiye.

We recognize that since its inception in 2001, the *AK Parti* has led the country with great leadership. With broad electoral support, the *AK Parti* successfully revitalized the economy of Türkiye and ensured political stability. Also, as a Bureau Member of the ICAPP Standing Committee, the *AK Parti* has made a lot of meaningful contributions to the ICAPP's mission of enhancing mutual understanding and deepening trust in Asia, not the least of which being the *AK Parti* hosting the 11th General Assembly in Istanbul last November under the topic of "The Role of Political Parties in Strengthening Dialogue for Global Peace, Prosperity and Cooperation."

We look forward to further strengthening and expanding our cooperative relationship with the *AK Parti* in advancing our common agenda in Asia in the years ahead.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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