Annotated Agenda
For the 42nd Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee
(Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia, November 21, 2024)

I. Issues Relating to the ICAPP Standing Committee (SC) Meeting

42nd Meeting of the SC

As was informed by the ICAPP Update (24-19) of March 25, 2024, it was agreed that the 42nd Meeting of the ICAPP Standing Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the SC") of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (hereinafter referred to as "the ICAPP") will be hosted by the Cambodian People's Party (CPP), represented by H.E. Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, President of the CPP, President of the Senate and the former Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, back-to-back with the 12th ICAPP General Assembly (hereinafter referred to as "the GA") to be held in Phnom Penh, the Kingdom of Cambodia during November 21-24, 2024.

New Members of the SC

As was informed by the ICAPP Update (24-54) on September 6, 2024, Hon. Shin Sung-bum, Member of the National Assembly, and Chairperson of the Intelligence Committee of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, has replaced Hon. Ha Tae-keung, former Member of the National Assembly, as the representative of the People Power Party (PPP) in the SC, as of August 28, 2024.

As was informed by the ICAPP Update (24-55) on September 6, 2024, the Communist Party of China appointed Hon. Sun Haiyan, Vice Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) to replace Hon. Guo Yezhou, as Vice Chairperson of the SC and the representative of the CPC in the SC, as of September 5, 2024.

As was informed by the ICAPP Update (24-57) on September 23, 2024, the *Jatiyo* Party of Bangladesh appointed Hon. Masroor Mawla, Special Envoy for International Affairs and Presidium member of the *Jatiyo* Party, as the new SC Member to replace Hon. Rana Mohammad Sohail, as the representative of the Party in the SC, as of September 19, 2024.

The updated list of the ICAPP SC is attached as ***Appendix I***

Amendment of the ICAPP Charter to increase the number of countries represented in the SC

At the 41st SC Meeting held in Bangkok in May 2024, SC Members agreed to consider inviting the Liberal Democratic Party of Uzbekistan and Lao People's Revolutionary Party of Laos, which had informally expressed their interest in joining the SC as new members. Accordingly, the ICAPP Secretariat had taken follow-up measures by sending to both parties letters on June 3, 2024 to confirm their formal confirmation to join the SC.

The Lao People's Revolutionary Party informed the ICAPP Secretariat on October 9, 2024 that

its "current conditions present certain challenges that would prevent it from fully committing to the responsibilities and obligations with membership of the Standing Committee at this time." The Liberal Democratic Party of Uzbekistan has not yet officially confirmed its position to the ICAPP Secretariat's invitation to join the ICAPP SC.

In this regard, SC Members are requested to consider if it will be appropriate to to recommend to the 12th GA to amend Paragraph 1 of Article 9 of the ICAPP Charter from **"A Standing Committee, composed of the representatives of political parties of not exceeding twenty-three (23) countries in the region, shall be established."** to **"A Standing Committee, composed of the representatives of political parties of not exceeding twenty-four (24) or twenty-five (25) countries in the region, shall be established,"** in case the above-mentioned political parties will conform their positions to join the SC before the 13th GA to be held in 2026.

The copy of the draft recommendation to amend the ICAPP Charter is attached as an ***Appendix II***

43rd Meeting of the SC

At the 41st Standing Committee Meeting held in Bangkok, the Kingdom of Thailand, on May 21, 2024, Hon. Daya Gamage, Member of the SC representing the United National Party (UNP) and former Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, offered to host the 43rd Meeting of SC in Colombo, Sri Lanka during the first half of 2025, to which the SC Members agreed. Hon. Daya Gamage also offered that the UNP would host the 3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Business Council (IBC) in Colombo, back-to-back with the 43rd SC Meeting.

Future Meetings of the SC

According to Paragraph 2 of Article 10 of the ICAPP Charter, "the SC meeting shall be held at least once a year, including its meetings during the GA." It has also been the ICAPP tradition to hold two SC meetings in a year since the 4th SC Meeting in 2005. In this regard, political parties represented in the SC are requested to offer to host the 44th SC Meeting to be held during the second half of 2025.

Special Statements Issued by the SC Members

As was informed by the ICAPP Update (24-44) of July 24, 2024, SC Members issued a statement on the passing of H.E. Nguyễn Phú Trọng, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam on July 19, 2024, to extend sincere condolences and sympathies to his bereaved family, and the people and the government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on their profound loss.

As was informed by the ICAPP Update (24-60) of November 4, 2024, SC Members issued a statement on the terrorist attack that occurred on October 23, 2024, in Ankara, Republic of Türkiye, to condemn the terrorist attack and extend condolences and sympathies to the families of the victims and the people of Türkiye.

The statements are attached as ***Appendixes III-1 and III-2***

II. Preparations for 12th GA of the ICAPP

Report by the Organizing Committee of the 12th GA of the ICAPP

Hon. Suos Yara, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP SC and Vice Chairman of the Commission on Eternal Relations of the Cambodian People's Party, will make a report, on behalf of the Organizing Committee of the 12th GA, on the state of preparations for the 12th GA to be held in Phnom Penh during November 22 to 24, 2024.

Three other ICAPP meetings will also be held during the 12th GA, which are the 3rd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC), the 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum and the Roundtable Discussion among Political Parties from Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe.

As of November 14, 2024, representatives of 50 political Parties from 30 countries in the region have confirmed their participation in the 12th GA. It has also been confirmed that representatives of a total of 16 political parties from 15 countries from other regions, including Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe have confirmed to participate as observers.

The program, list of participants and conference procedures of the 12th GA are attached as ***Appendixes IV-1, IV-2, and IV-3***.

Election of the Bureau of the 12th GA

In accordance with Article 7 of the ICAPP Charter, the SC should prepare a list of candidates for the members of the Bureau for the 12th GA and recommend it to the 12th GA for its election at the beginning of the meeting. In this regard, the members of the Bureau of the SC had agreed to the draft list of candidates for consideration at the SC meeting. The candidates had been nominated following the ICAPP tradition.

The draft list of candidates is attached as ***Appendix IV-4.***

Phnom Penh Declaration

In accordance with the ICAPP tradition, "Phnom Penh Declaration" will be adopted at the Closing Session of the 12th GA. In this regard, the ICAPP Secretariat had prepared the draft Declaration in close consultation with the CPP, which will be circulated among SC Members prior to the GA. In this regard, SC Members are requested to review the draft and make their comments or suggestions to the ICAPP Secretariat before the first official draft will be circulated among all participants in the GA after the 2nd Plenary Session of the GA.

The draft Phnom Penh Declaration is attached as ***Appendix IV-5.***

3rd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC)

As mentioned in the above, the 3rd Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC) will be held

on November 23, 2024, under the topic of "Cultural Diversity for Promoting Peace and Reconciliation," on the sideline of the 12th GA. The ACC meeting is expected to elect the members of its new Bureau in accordance with its Terms of Reference after the resignation of Hon. Khoun Sudary, President of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia, from the position of its Chairperson.

In this regard, the members of the Bureau of the ICAPP SC agreed to submit the draft list of the members of the new Bureau of the ACC for consideration at the SC meeting. The members of the new Bureau of will be formally elected at the ACC meeting.

The draft list is attached as ***Appendix V-1***.

7th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum

As mentioned in the above, The 7th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum will be held on November 23, 2024, under the topic of "Fighting Fake News in the Digital Context to Sustain Peace," on the sideline of the 12th GA. The ICAPP Media Forum is expected to elect the members of its new Bureau in accordance with its Terms of Reference following the resignation of Hon. Kang Hoon-sik, Member of the National Assembly, Republic of Korea, from the position of its Chairperson.

In this regard, the members of the Bureau of the SC agreed to submit the draft list of the members of the new Bureau of the ICAPP Media Forum to be nominated by the SC. They also agreed to recommend candidates to represent journalists in the new Bureau of the ICAPP Media Forum for consideration at the Media Forum meeting. The members of the new Bureau will be formally elected at the ICAPP Media Forum meeting.

The draft list is attached as ***Appendix V-2***.

III. Review of the ICAPP activities since the 41st SC Meeting

8th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing in August 2024

The 8th Meeting of the ICAPP Women's Wing was hosted by the Mongolian People's Party (MPP) in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia during August 17 - 20, 2024. The Meeting was participated by representatives of 17 political parties from 11 countries. The main theme of the meeting was "Empowering Women in the Asia Pacific," and the participants discussed challenges faced by women, such as poverty, unemployment, limited access to education, and gender discrimination. The meeting commenced with the welcoming remarks by Hon. Sodbaatar Yangug, Secretary General of the MPP, and opening remarks of Hon. Nomin Chinbat, Member of Parliament, Minister of Culture, Sports, Tourism and Youth of Mongolia, Chairperson of the ICAPP Women's Wing, and Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea. During the session, the new Vice Chairpersons of the ICAPP Women's Wing were also elected. The Ulaanbaatar Statement for the meeting was adopted at the closing session.

The program, list of participants, list of the members of the Bureau of the ICAPP Women's Wing, and the Ulaanbaatar Statement are attached as ***Appendixes VI-1, VI-2, VI-3, and VI-4***

respectively.

ICAPP Observers to the BRICS and Partner Countries Forum

The International Inter-Party BRICS and Partner Countries Forum was held in Vladivostok, Russia, from June 16 to 19, 2024. The Forum was co-hosted by the BRICS Presidency of the Russian Federation and the United Russia Party Representatives of political parties from 28 countries across Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Africa attended the meeting. ICAPP Standing Committee was represented by Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Hon. Dr. Nalinee Taveesin, and Hon. Suos Yara, in addition to Hon. Andrey Klimov.

Discussions at the forum were focused on how to further develop close ties among countries through BRICS, to promote principles for global security and peace, to expand economic and financial cooperation, and to ensure responsible behavior of major players in the digital space. Separate meetings were held among various political party groups to discuss their cooperation in the future.

On the sidelines of the forum, the ICAPP representatives, led by Chairman Chung Eui-yong, had separate meetings with representatives of the political parties from China, Russia, Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Tajikistan, Zimbabwe, South Africa, and Cuba, and exchanged views on future cooperation between the ICAPP and their respective parties. During the meetings, the representative of Lao People's Revolutionary Party expressed its interest in joining the ICAPP SC, and representatives of political parties from the southern Africa expressed interest in forming an organization of political parties in Africa in cooperation with the ICAPP.

The Report of the ICAPP participants in the BRICS and Partner Countries Forum is attached as ***Appendix VII.***

I***CAPP Mission to Observe the Parliamentary Elections in Azerbaijan***

The ICAPP Mission was dispatched to Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan during August 30 to September 2, 2024, to observe the parliamentary elections held on September 1, 2024 at the invitation of the *Milli Majlis* (National Assembly) of Azerbaijan. The Mission was composed of Hon. İbrahim Halil Korkmazwas, Vice Chairman for Foreign Relations of the *AK Parti*, Republic of Türkiye and Hon. Thorng Cheyveasna, Member of the ACC Secretariat in Kingdom of Cambodia. On election day, the ICAPP Mission visited a total of 16 polling stations in different constituencies and observed the election process at the seven polling stations. The Mission reported that the elections had proceeded fairly without incidents at the locations of their visits.

The Program, List of the Participants, and Baku Statement of the Observer Mission are attached as ***Appendixes VIII-1, VIII-2, and VIII-3*** respectively.

The signing of the MOUs on exchange of observers between the ICAPP and IPTP, and between the ICAPP and the AIPA

The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the ICAPP and the International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace (IPTP), and another MOU between the ICAPP

and the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) had been proposed by the representatives of political parties from ASEAN countries.

With the authorization of the SC Members, the ICAPP Secretariat negotiated with the IPTP and the AIPA, and agreed to sign the MOUs on the occasion of the 12th GA, as had been informed by ICAPP Update (24-34) on June 11, 2024 and ICAPP Update (24-35) on June 11, 2024.

The copies of the letters exchanged with the IPTP and the AIPA, and the MOUs are attached as ***Appendixes IX-1, IX-2, IX-3, and IX-4*** respectively.

Publications of ICAPP NEWS Volumes 3 and 4

In accordance with the agreement to publish a quarterly newsletter, reached at the 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum held in November 2023, the ICAPP Secretariat has published ICAPP NEWS Volume 3, as had been informed by ICAPP update (24-42) of July 18, 2024, covering the period of the second quarter of 2024, and Volume 4 as had been informed by ICAPP Update (24-58) of October 30, 2024, covering the third quarter of 2024.

The copies of the ICAPP NEWS Volume 3 and Volume 4 are attached as ***Appendixes X-1 and X-2*** respectively.

V. ICAPP Work Programs for 2025

6th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum

At the 5th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF) held on October 14, 2023, Hon. Jan Zahradil, Co-Chairperson of the AEPF, Member of the European Parliament (EP) representing the Czech Republic, and Bureau Member of the European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR) in the European Parliament (EP), proposed to delay the 6th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum, which was scheduled to be held in April 2024 in Brussels, Belgium, to September 2024.

However, during the ICAPP Mission to the EP in Strasbourg during March 12 to14, 2024, most of the European representatives were of the view to hold the meeting in late 2024 or early 2025 for administrative and budgetary reasons. They stated that, since the new session of the EP would start in September following the EP elections in June 2024, the newly formed political party groups in the EP would need more time to prepare for the meeting.

In this regard, the ECR has been continuing internal consultations among the political party groups in the EP on the venue and date for the 6th AEPF Meeting, exploring the possibility of holding the meeting in early 2025 in one of the capital cities in Europe. The details will be confirmed and informed in due course through the ICAPP Secretariat.

3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Business Council

At the 41st Meeting of the ICAPP SC held on May 28, 2024 in Bangkok, the Kingdom of Thailand, Hon. Daya Gamage, former Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment, former Vice Chairperson of the United National Party (UNP), Sri Lanka, offered to host the 3rd

Meeting of the ICAPP Business Council in Colombo, Sri Lanka, back-to-back with the 43rd SC Meeting during the first half of 2025.

8th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum

The ICAPP Charter stipulates that the meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum will be held regularly, and the two meetings were recently held in 2022 and 2024, respectively in Turkiye and Republic of Korea. It is requested that SC members offer to host the 8th Meeting of the ICAPP Media Forum to be held during 2025.

8th Meeting of ICAPP Youth Wing and 9th Meeting of ICAPP Women's Wing

The recent Meetings of the ICAPP Youth Wing and the ICAPP Women's Wing were held in Mongolia, in 2023 and 2024. It is requested that SC members offer to host the 8th Meeting of the Youth Wing and the 9th Meeting of the Women's Wing, back-to-back with other meetings or independently during 2025.

ICAPP Special Conference

During the 39th SC Meeting held in Busan on May 1, 2023, SC Members expressed the view that the ICAPP should consider organizing another Special Conference in the near future. In this regard, SC Members proposed several potential topics for consideration, including climate change, ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) issues, promoting environmentally responsible behaviors, ICAPP's role in the post-COVID era, and the economic and social challenges facing Asia in the aftermath of the pandemic.

SC Members are encouraged to offer to host this event and share additional ideas for possible topics.

V. Other Issues

Extension of the Cooperation Agreement between the ICAPP and the UNESCO

At the 41st Meeting of the ICAPP SC held on May 28, 2024 in Bangkok, the Kingdom of Thailand, Hon. Suos Yara, Vice Chairperson of the ICAPP SC, informed that the consultations with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) had been underway to extend the Cooperation Agreement between the ICAPP and the UNESCO.

SC Members shared the view that the extension of the Agreement would further enhance the partnership with UNESCO on matters of mutual interest and help achieve the objectives outlined in the Constitution of UNESCO and the Charter of ICAPP, as stated in Articles 1 and 2 of the Cooperation Agreement. To this end, the ICAPP Secretariat requested that UNESCO review the ICAPP's proposal on the amendment of Article 6 of the Cooperation Agreement, which was proposed to read: "This Agreement shall be automatically extended for further periods of five (5) years, unless terminated by either UNESCO or ICAPP, with six (6) months' prior written notice to the other party."

The copies of the letter to the Director-General of the UNESCO and MOU are attached as

Appendixes XI-1, and XI-2 respectively.

Expansion of participation in the Inter-governmental MOU to support ICAPP activities signed in July 2013

On July 26, 2013, the inter-governmental "MOU on Cooperation to Support the Activities of the ICAPP" was signed among the government representatives of like-minded countries at a ceremony held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Seoul, Republic of Korea. The signatories are requested to "agree to provide appropriate support that is available and possible within their capacity for the activities and programs of the ICAPP," as stipulated in Paragraph 1. The MOU was also "not intended to create any legally binding obligations," as stipulated in Paragraph 2.

So far, the governments of eleven countries, i.e. Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Iran, Kazakhstan, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam. have participated in the MOU by signing the document.

The ICAPP Secretariat was designated as the Depository for the MOU by Paragraph 5 of the MOU, and any government that wishes to participate in the MOU can notify the ICAPP Secretariat, in writing, of its intention, which would be immediately informed to other participants.

In this regard, at the 19th SC Meeting held in Hanoi in April 2013, SC Members endorsed the initiative and agreed to recommend to their respective governments to sign the MOU.

The copy of the inter-governmental MOU is attached as ***Appendix XII.***

Cooperation with Political Parties in other regions

The meetings between ICAPP and *COPPPAL* (the Conference of Political Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean) have taken place at the Standing Committee level in Buenos Aires (2009), Phnom Penh (2010), Mexico City (2012), Baku (2013), and again in Mexico City (2014). These interactions have fostered bilateral cooperation, which expanded to include the Council of African Political Parties (CAPP) in 2016, resulting in trilateral meetings. The Secretariats of ICAPP, *COPPPAL,* and CAPP had successfully collaborated on three trilateral meetings at the Standing Committee level, held in Jakarta (2016), Tegucigalpa (2017), and Moscow (2018).

At the 3rd Trilateral Meeting held in Moscow in 2018, the three organizations, ICAPP, *COPPPAL*, and CAPP, agreed to designate the ICAPP Secretariat in Seoul, Republic of Korea, as the Common Secretariat for coordination among the three organizations to further promote cooperation among political parties in Asia, Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Building on this initiative, a Roundtable Discussion among Political Parties from Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe was proposed to be held on November 22, 2024 on the occasion of the 12th GA.

Other Issues

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

Appendixes:

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X. Publications of ICAPP NEWS

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XI. MOU with UNESCO

1. *Letter to the Director-General of the UNESCO*
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XII. Inter-governmental MOU