Secretariat of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties

H.E. Ban Ki-Moon
Secretary General of the United Nations
U.N. Headquarters
New York City

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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

In continuation of our letters, dated November 20, 2009 and March 8, 2010, we'd like to update Your Excellency on the latest activities of the ICAPP, International Conference of Asian Political Parties, which now represents over 300 competing political parties with diverse ideological backgrounds in Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, Central Asia, West Asia, Middle East and Oceania.

First of all, it is a great pleasure to inform you that the 6th General Assembly of the ICAPP will be held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia during December 1 to 4, 2010 under the main theme of "Asia's Quest for a Better Tomorrow." The conference will be hosted by the Cambodian People's Party in collaboration with the Funcinpec Party of Cambodia. We expect that over 150 political parties will send high-level delegations to the meeting, some of which will be led by Heads of State and Government. It is our sincere hope that Your Excellency will participate in the General Assembly of the ICAPP and deliver a keynote speech at the opening ceremony in the morning of Thursday, December 2, 2010. We believe that your presence will not only contribute to the success of the conference, but also make the occasion more meaningful which will also celebrate the tenth anniversary of the ICAPP.

Secondly, we are also pleased to report to Your Excellency that the ICAPP Conference on Poverty Alleviation was held in Kunming, China during July 13 to 18, this year under the auspice of the Communist Party of China and was attended by representatives of 58 major political parties in 28 countries in the region. At the end of the conference, Kunming Declaration on Poverty Alleviation was adopted, in which all participants expressed their strong endorsement and support for the efforts of the United Nations led by Your Excellency to accelerate progress towards the Millennium Development Goals. Reflecting the diversity of Asia as its strength, they exchanged and shared their experiences and discussed innovative undertakings in pursuit of the goal of poverty alleviation. These ideas included, in particular, such initiatives as an Asian Anti-Poverty Fund, and Asian Micro-finance Fund, and final implementation of relevant U.N.-approved proposals such as Debt-Swaps for financing MDGs. It is our hope that the results of the Kunming conference, including its declaration, will be circulated among the participants in the forthcoming AAMDG Summit and be fully taken into into consideration in their discussion.

Recently, we are also trying to reach out to political parties in other regions of the world. As a result, the first joint session was successfully held in Buenos Aires in July 2009 between the ICAAPP and the COPPPAL, *Conferencia Permanente de Partidos Politicos de America Latina y el Caribe* (Permanent Conference of Political parties in Latin America). We are now in contact with key political parties in Africa, in collaboration with the COPPPAL, to organize the first trilateral meeting of political parties in Asia, Africa and Latin America in a very near future.

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Excellency,

We are very confident more than ever that the ICAPP will continue to play a key role not only in Asia's inevitable movement to build an Asian community, but also in the global quest for a more peaceful, harmonious and prosperous world. In this regard, we'd like to request continued support and assistance of Your Excellency and the United Nations for our future endeavors to further promote mutual understanding and friendship among nations through increased dialogue and exchanges among the political parties.

Please accept, Excellency, our best wishes and highest regards.

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Attachments:
1. Report of the ICAPP Activities ("Ten Years of the ICAPP")
2. Official Invitation from H.E. Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia
3. Program and Other Information on the 6th GA of the ICAPP
4. Kunming Declaration on Poverty Alleviation

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