MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

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To: ICAPP Secretariat

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam presents its compliments to the ICAPP Secretariat and has the honor to inform as follows:

In implementation of Decision No. 239/QĐ/TW dated January 24, 2025, issued by the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, the Central Committee's Commission for External Relations - the focal agency for advising on external affairs and implementing external activities of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam – will be merged with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, effective from January 24, 2025.

The merger between the Central Committee's Commission for External Relations of the Communist Party of Vietnam and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam aims to implement a major and important policy of the Communist Party of Vietnam regarding the streamlining and restructuring of Vietnam's political system, ensuring its operational efficiency and effectiveness to meet the requirements of the new era – Vietnam's era of national rise. Simultaneously, this merger aims to comprehensively, synchronously, and effectively implement the guidelines, policies, and external activities of the Party and the State of Vietnam, enhancing and promoting more effective cooperation with international partners of the Party and the State of Vietnam.

Therefore, we respectfully inform the ICAPP Secretariat that from January 25, 2025, the Party Committee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam will serve as the focal agency for contacting and receiving all issues related to external relations between the Communist Party of Vietnam and foreign political parties. The Party Committee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will also continue implementing plans, programs, and cooperation agreements previously signed between the Central Committee's Commission for External Relations and the respective partners. Following the merger, our new functional units will soon contact the relevant agencies of the ICAPP Secretariat to further advance cooperative relations as well as the signed agreements.

Once again, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ICAPP Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.