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ICAPP Mission to the 4th Conference of NAM PN in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, participated in the 4th Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement Parliamentary Network (NAM PN), held on April 6, 2025, in Tashkent, Uzbekistan as an observer representing the ICAPP.

The 4th NAM PN conference was convened on the sidelines of the 150th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), under the theme "Commemorating 70 Years of the Bandung Spirit: The Role of Parliaments in Upholding the Bandung Principles."

The conference was attended by 14 speakers, 8 deputy speakers, and over 40 members of parliament from 38 NAM member states, and observers from 10 international organizations, including the ICAPP, IPU, APA, and PABSEC.

Delegations presented their national statements, reflecting on the enduring relevance of the Bandung Principles in the contemporary global landscape. Representing ICAPP, Chairman Chung addressed and reaffirmed the shared principles of peaceful coexistence, non-aggression, and parliamentary solidarity that underlie both ICAPP and NAM.

Chairman Chung, in his remarks, emphasized the growing importance of parliamentary diplomacy and multilateral collaboration amid ongoing global crises, citing ICAPP's continued efforts to serve as a platform for promoting mutual understanding and shared response among Asian political parties. Chairman Chung also extended an invitation to NAM PN members to participate in the 13th General Assembly of ICAPP, scheduled to take place in Seoul, Republic of Korea, in November 2026.

The conference acknowledged the outcomes of recent NAM events, including the Kampala Summit of 2024 and the Baku COP29 Climate Pact, reinforcing NAM PN's dedication to multilateralism, regional security, and solidarity among developing nations.

The Tashkent Declaration, adopted at the conclusion of the conference, reaffirmed NAM's foundational principles and addressed key global challenges such as geopolitical tensions, climate change, the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, and the right to development.

The Declaration also emphasized youth and women's empowerment and highlighted the critical role of parliaments in advancing peace, justice, good governance, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

(Excerpts from Chairman Chungs's Speech)

"From Ukraine to the Middle East and beyond, we still face an uphill battle to uphold the Bandung Spirit of 1955. Growing geopolitical conflicts and persistent economic uncertainty continue to cast shadows over our world, exacerbating human suffering. … True peace is not merely the absence of conflict but the presence of dialogue, mutual respect, and shared prosperity."

Two Principal Parties in Uzbekistan Confirmed to Join ICAPP Standing Committee

On the sidelines of the 4th Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement Parliamentary Network (NAM PN), held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairman of the ICAPP Standing Committee, held a series of bilateral meetings with H.E. Sahiba Gafarova, Speaker of the *Milli Majlis* (National Assembly) of Azerbaijan and Chairperson of NAM-PN, as well as the leaders of political parties in Uzbekistan including the chairpersons and senior representatives of four major political parties of Uzbekistan.

Bilateral Meeting with H.E. Speaker Sahiba Gafarova

During the meeting with H.E. Speaker Sahiba Gafarova, the importance of strengthening institutional cooperation between ICAPP and NAM PN was reaffirmed with shared recognition of the need for deeper coordination in future programs and initiatives.

H.E. Sahiba Gafarova confirmed her participation in the upcoming 13th General Assembly of ICAPP, which is scheduled to be held in November 2026 in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

She also expressed strong interest in attending the upcoming International Public-Hearing on the Formation of a United and Equal System of Security and Cooperation on the Eurasian Continent, to be held during May 28 to 30, 2025, in Perm, Russia, which will take place alongside the 43rd ICAPP Standing Committee Meeting.

Meetings with Political Parties of Uzbekistan

In addition to his meeting with H.E. Sahiba Gafarova, Chairman Chung also held individual meetings with the leadership of Uzbekistan's four principal political parties at their respective party headquarters. These discussions focused on promoting political dialogue, and regional cooperation.

All four parties expressed their continued support for ICAPP's role in fostering dialogue and cooperation among Asian political parties. It is noteworthy that all four parties participated in the 12th ICAPP General Assembly held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in November 2024.

During the meetings, it was agreed that the two parties with the largest representation in the Uzbek Parliament, O'ZLIDEP and Milliy Tiklanish, would represent Uzbekistan in the ICAPP Standing Committee, in accordance with ICAPP tradition. In this regard, O'ZLIDEP and Milliy Tiklanish confirmed their plans to send representatives to the 43rd ICAPP Standing Committee Meeting in Perm, Russia during May 28 to 30, 2025.

- **Liberal Democratic Party of Uzbekistan (O'ZLIDEP):**

The meeting was attended by Hon. Aktam Akmadovich Khaitov, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Hon. Baktiyar Yakubov, Deputy Chairman, and Mr. Sardorbek Maripov, Head of Department. O'ZLIDEP emphasized its long-standing commitment to political reform and modernization, and expressed strong support for expanding ICAPP participation and exchanges.

- **National Revival Democratic Party (*Milliy Tiklanish*)**

The meeting included Hon. Alisher Keldievich Kadyrov, Chairman of the Central Council, Hon. Firuza Muxamedjanova, Deputy Chairperson, and Hon. Ms. Nargiza Khamidova Bakhtiyarovna, Deputy Chairperson of the Central Council and Director of the Training, Research, and Analytical Center. *Milliy Tiklanish* Party reaffirmed its focus on cultural preservation and national values. Following the meeting, the party nominated Hon. Ms. Nargiza Khamidova to represent *Milliy Tiklanish* Party at the ICAPP Standing Committee.

- **Justice Social Democratic Party (Adolat):**

The meeting was attended by Hon. Ms. Maxmudova Robakhon Anvarovna, Chairperson of the Central Committee, Hon. Rakhmonov Abdukamol Shodievich, Deputy Chairman, and Ms. Raykhona Urmanova, Head of the Department for Increasing the Social and Legal Activity of Women. Adolat emphasized its commitment to social equity and inclusiveness and expressed a continued interest in participating in ICAPP activities that promote social justice and democratic governance.

- **People's Democratic Party (XDP):**

The meeting was attended by Hon. Ulugbek Ilyasovich Inoyatov, Chairman of the Central Committee, Hon. Ulugbek Nazarovich Vafayev, Deputy Chairman, and Mr. Mixail Leonidovich Yelsov, Director of Internal Affairs. The XDP emphasized its ongoing efforts in strengthening civil society and civic engagement, and expressed support for continued collaboration through ICAPP mechanisms.

ICAPP Statement on the Earthquakes in Tibet, China

On January 7, 2025, a devastating 7.1 magnitude earthquake struck Tingri County in the Shigatse region of the Tibet Autonomous Region, China.

The earthquake resulted in significant casualties and widespread destruction. Official reports from the Chinese government confirmed 126 fatalities and 188 injuries, with numerous aftershocks complicating rescue efforts.

The earthquake caused the collapse of over 3,600 homes and damaged more than 27,200 buildings, leaving thousands homeless amid harsh winter conditions. Infrastructure, including roads and communication networks, suffered extensive damage, hindering relief operations.

In response to the emergency, the Chinese central and regional governments promptly activated Level 1 disaster response protocols, dispatching military personnel, rescue teams, and heavy equipment to the affected areas. International humanitarian agencies.

Neighboring countries such as Nepal and India also felt the tremors, with minor injuries and damages reported. The 14th Dalai Lama expressed deep sorrow over the disaster and held a memorial service for the victims.

In light of this tragedy, ICAPP extends its deepest sympathies and condolences to the people and government of China. The Statement states that ICAPP stands in solidarity with those affected and that the SC Members calls on the international community to support relief efforts to aid survivors and rebuild communities.

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Statement of the ICAPP Standing Committee on the Earthquake in the Tibet Autonomous Region, People's Republic of China
(January 8, 2025)

On behalf of the Standing Committee Members of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), we extend our heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the people and government of the People's Republic of China, at this moment of tremendous pain caused by the devastating earthquakes that have occurred in Tibet in Western China on January 7, 2025. We are deeply mournful, and our hearts go out to the bereaved families of those victims.

The ICAPP Standing Committee expresses its sincere support and calls upon all nations and governments throughout Asia to stand in unwavering solidarity with the people and government of the People's Republic of China during the time of sorrow. In this context, we strongly endorse the emergency relief efforts initiated by international organizations, various governments, and civil societies, aimed at providing vital humanitarian aid and assisting in the reconstruction of their communities.

ICAPP Statement on the Earthquakes in Myanmar and Thailand

On March 28, 2025, a powerful 7.7-magnitude earthquake struck Myanmar, with tremors felt across Thailand and neighboring countries.

Myanmar experienced a significant loss of life and widespread destruction. The earthquake resulted in over 3,600 fatalities and more than 5,000 injuries. Approximately 49,000 homes were destroyed, and critical infrastructure, including hospitals, schools, bridges, and power lines, suffered severe damage.

The situation was further affected by landslides, power outages, and disruptions to transport networks. Road and railway access in parts of the Mandalay and Shan regions was severely restricted, complicating the coordination of emergency assessments and logistical support.

In Thailand, structural collapses were reported in several areas, particularly in Bangkok. High-rise buildings, residential complexes, and elements of the city's mass transit system sustained varying levels of damage. Emergency inspections and safety checks were carried out in affected zones, and efforts were made to restore normal operations while ensuring public safety.

ICAPP expresses its sincere condolences to the affected communities and urges international organizations and governments to support the people of Myanmar and Thailand during this period of profound loss and disruption.

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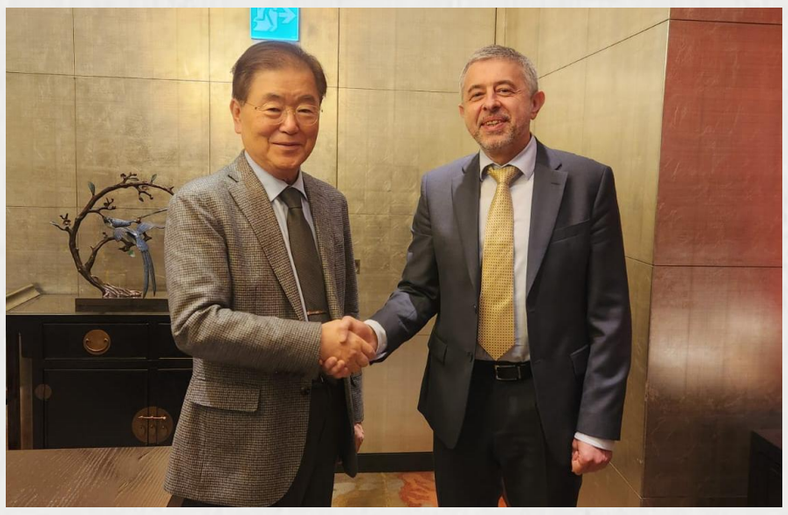
Statement of the ICAPP Standing Committee on the Earthquake in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Kingdom of Thailand
(March 31, 2025)

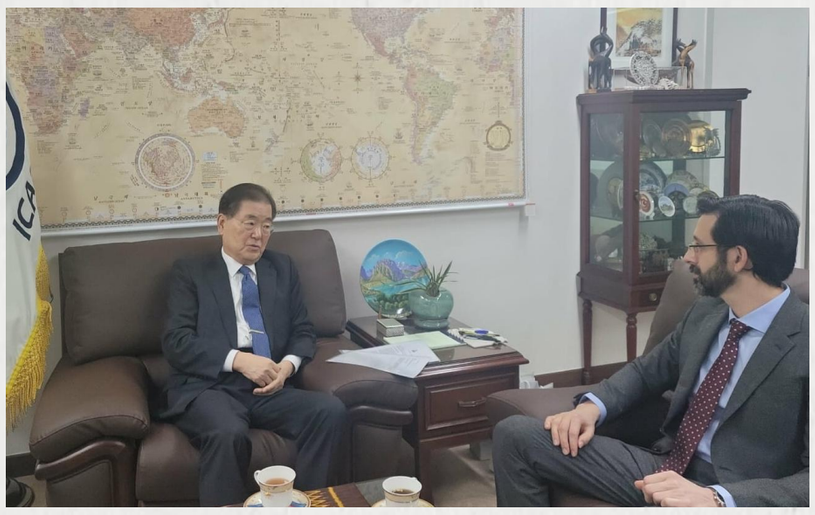
On behalf of the Standing Committee Members of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), we extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to the people and governments of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Kingdom of Thailand at this moment of tremendous pain caused by the devastating earthquakes that occurred on March 28, 2025.

The ICAPP Standing Committee stands in solidarity with the affected communities. We urge all nations and governments throughout Asia to step up in solidarity and support of the people of Myanmar and Thailand and in their hour of dire need.

We fully support the emergency responses initiated by international organizations, various governments and civil societies to help the victims with humanitarian aids, medical assistance, and reconstruction efforts.

Meeting with the Ambassadors of Cuban Embassy and Russian Embassy to the Republic of Korea





On March 5, 2025, Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, held separate meetings with H.E. Claudio R. Monzón Baeza, Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba, and H.E. Georgy Zinoviev, Ambassador of the Russian Federation, in Seoul.

Ambassador Claudio R. Monzón Baeza delivered a letter from Hon. Emilio Lozada Garcia of the Communist Party of Cuba, expressing appreciation for Cuba's invitation to the 12th ICAPP General Assembly in Phnom Penh and extending an invitation for Chairman Chung to visit Havana in 2025.

The meeting included discussions to strengthen bilateral relations between Korea and Cuba, including cooperation in trade, culture, tourism, and inter-parliamentary dialogue. Ambassador Monzón Baeza emphasized Cuba's admiration for Korean culture and reaffirmed Cuba's commitment to open, independent diplomacy. Chairman Chung recalled his 2014 visit to Havana and expressed hope for closer ties through open communication.

In a separate meeting held between Chairman Chung and H.E. Georgy Zinoviev, Ambassador of the Russian Embassy to the Republic of Korea, Ambassador Georgy Zinoviev reaffirmed his support for ICAPP.

The Meeting discussed the preparations for the upcoming 43rd ICAPP Standing Committee Meeting to be held in Perm, Russian Federation, which will be held on the sidelines to the 'International hearing on Eurasian security'. Chairman Chung stressed the importance of continued cooperation.

Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed Delivered Keynote Speech in Historic Konya, Türkiye

Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Co-Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee, was invited to deliver the keynote address at a commemorative ceremony in Konya, Türkiye, honoring the legacy of former Turkish Prime Minister H.E. Necmettin Erbakan.

Hon. Mushahid Hussain Sayed attended the ceremony in his capacity as Pakistan's former Minister for Information, Culture & Tourism, and in recognition of his enduring contributions to interfaith dialogue, regional diplomacy, and multilateral cooperation through platforms such as the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP).

The ceremony marked the anniversary of passing away of H.E. Necmettin Erbakan, a leader who played a pivotal role in shaping the political and economic direction of the Republic of Türkiye.

As Prime Minister, H.E. Necmettin Erbakan initiated the establishment of the Developing-8 (D-8) Organization for Economic Cooperation, hosting its inaugural summit in Istanbul in 1997, with the participation of heads of state from eight Muslim-majority developing countries; Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Türkiye.

The D-8 initiative remains a lasting milestone in advancing economic collaboration among developing nations, while promoting peace, and reinforcing shared cultural and religious heritage.

ICAPP Work Program for 2025 : the 43rd, 44th ICAPP SC Meeting to be held in Russia and Azerbaijan

Following four Bureau meetings of the ICAPP SC during January and March 2025, plans for several ICAPP meetings and activities have been finalized.

Among them are the 43rd and 44th Standing Committee Meetings, which have been confirmed to take place in Russia in May, and Azerbaijan in October 2025, respectively.

The 43rd ICAPP Standing Committee Meeting will be held on May 30, 2025, in Perm, Russia, on the sidelines of the Forum on Eurasian Security. The meeting will be hosted by the United Russia Party, which will provide logistical support for Standing Committee Members, including domestic transportation and accommodations.

The Forum on Eurasian Security, officially titled the 'International Public-Political Hearing on the Formation of a United and Equal System of Security and Cooperation on the Eurasian Continent;', will be held from May 28 to 30, with ICAPP SC Members invited to participate in both plenary and thematic discussions.

The 44th ICAPP Standing Committee Meeting is scheduled for late October 2025 in Baku, Azerbaijan, hosted by the New Azerbaijan Party. In conjunction with the SC Meeting, the 4th Meeting of the Asian Cultural Council (ACC) will also be held in Baku.

Efforts to arrange the remaining ICAPP-affiliated bodies' meetings were also discussed during the Bureau meetings. The Secretariat will continue to consult with SC Members regarding the 6th Meeting of the Asia-Europe Political Forum (AEPF) and the 8th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing.

At this stage, no confirmation has been made for the 9th Meeting of the Women's Wing, the 8th Meeting of theMedia Forum, or the 3rd Meeting of the ICAPP Business Council.

Bureau Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee

As recalled during the 42nd Standing Committee Meeting, which was held on the sidelines of the 12th ICAPP General Assembly, political parties represented in the SC were encouraged to offer to host ICAPP affiliated bodies' meetings scheduled for the second half of 2025 and the first half of 2026.

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