**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

September 15, 2011

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

On behalf of the Standing Committee of the ICAPP, International Conference of Asian Political Parties, we extend our sincerest gratitude to Your Excellency for your continued support for the agenda and work of the ICAPP, in particular your most recent special video message for the ICAPP Special Conference on Development and People's Access, held in Nanning, Guangxi Autonomous Region of China from September 3 to 6, 2011 under the auspices of the Communist Party of China. It was attended by representatives of 53 major ruling and opposition political parties from 27 countries in the region and observers from Latin America. Your video message was well received by all participants at the opening ceremony and provided good foundation for the deliberations on the theme during the conference.

At the end of the conference, the Nanning Declaration on Development and People's Access was adopted, in which all participants agreed that, while giving primacy to development, more stress should be laid on how to pursue inclusive development and on how the fruits of development would reach, and enjoyed, by the people. Reflecting the diversity of Asia as its strength, they exchanged and shared their experiences and discussed innovative undertakings in pursuit of the goal of more inclusive and equitable development. These ideas included, in particular, such initiatives as an Asian Anti-Poverty Fund, and an Asian Peace and Reconciliation Council in the aftermath of the "Arab Spring" to help enable the new political order and to help heal society's wounds and lay the basis for political, economic, and social reforms that will endure, because they are rooted in truth and justice. It is our hope that the results of the Nanning Conference, including its Declaration, will be circulated among the Member States of the United Nations and be fully taken into consideration in their future discussion on the relevant issues.

Excellency,

We are also most grateful for your support for our efforts to obtain observer status in the U.N. General Assembly. In this regard, it is with great pleasure to note that the General Committee of the General Assembly decided at its meeting on September 15, 2011 to include the item on observer status for the ICAPP in the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly. Once granted observer status, the ICAPP will be able to play a more active role not only in Asia's inevitable movement to build an Asian community, but also in the global quest for a peaceful, harmonious and prosperous world.

The ICAPP is now representing over 340 competing political parties in 53 countries with diverse ideological backgrounds. In this regard, we seek the United Nations' and Your Excellency's



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continued support and assistance for our future endeavors to further promote mutual understanding and friendship among nations through the culture of cooperation, increased dialogue and exchanges among the political parties.

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

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Attachments:
1. List of Speakers at the ICAPP Special Conference on Development and People's Access
2. Nanning Declaration on Development and People's Access

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