



ICAPP Special Conference on
“Security and Cooperation: Role of Political Parties”
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Baku Statement

We, the leaders and representatives of 11 political parties from 10 countries, gathering in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan for the ICAPP Special Conference on “Security and Cooperation: Role of Political Parties” during 20-22 November 2022, focused on two topics, i.e. “Involvement of Political Parties in Peacebuilding Processes” and “Promoting Regional and Global Security through Cooperation among Political Parties,” and reaffirmed as follows:

1. At present, when the global security and international legal system based on national states are experiencing a crisis, there is a great need to make extensive use of the potentials of political parties, which have close contacts with all layers of society, as mediators and participants that contribute to dialogue in the issues of peace and cooperation;
2. Members and electorates of most political parties consist of people with different ethnic, religious and cultural affiliations and values, which enable them to become one of the main providers and promoters of tolerance and dialogue. Strengthening political parties means stronger and sturdier societies, knit together by a shared vision for a better tomorrow;
3. Despite their ideological differences, the fact that almost all parties share common human values such as peace, cooperation, security and prosperity forms the basic conditions for mutual understanding and cooperation at the level of political parties within the society;
4. In terms of contributing to maintaining global peace and security in the present circumstances, the importance of strengthening cooperation among the political parties of different countries and regions, their gathering to discuss current global issues and exchange experience and ideas periodically, and the importance of implementation of joint projects on specific topics has increased;
5. The trilateral statement signed by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia Nikol Pashinyan and the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin on November 10, 2020, has paved the way for a peace treaty between Azerbaijan and Armenia, and created new opportunities for security and comprehensive cooperation in the South Caucasus region as a whole. Believing that the benefits of peace and security in the South Caucasus are not limited to the borders of only these two countries, ICAPP is committed to expanding and consolidating the peace and security of the region through continuous cooperation.

We expressed our profound gratitude to our host, the New Azerbaijan Party of the Republic of Azerbaijan, for its warm hospitality and excellent arrangements of the conference. We also expressed our appreciation to the ICAPP Secretariat for its cooperation for the success of the conference.

Adopted unanimously on this 22nd day of November 2022 in Baku, Azerbaijan.