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Ulaanbaatar Statement of the 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing.

1. We, the youth representatives of 18 political parties from 14 countries, gathered in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, for the 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing, following the five previous meetings in Kuala Lumpur (2012), Baku (2013, 2019), Colombo (2014), Moscow (2018). The Meeting was hosted by the Mongolian People's Party (MPP) from August 4 to 7, 2023, under the main theme of "Engaging Young People in Social and Political Dialogue for Post-Pandemic Socio-Economic Progress."

2. First of all, we renewed our commitment to further deepening solidarity among the youth in the region by strengthening our support for youth-led and youth-focused activities in fostering more stable and equitable societies. In this regard, we recalled the World Program of Action for Youth (WPAY), adopted as U.N. General Assembly Resolution No. 50/81 on December 14, 1995, and its follow-up tools and endeavors for implementation as practical guidelines for support at the national and international levels to further promote the well-being of youth.

3. In particular, we acknowledged the severity of the challenges faced by the youth in the post-pandemic era, such as increasing difficulties in the youth labour market and less favorable financing conditions amplified by the high inflation rate in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic. In this regard, we stressed the need for close cooperation and coordination among political parties to share the results of their in-depth analysis and assessment regarding the impacts of the pandemic on the youth, and to formulate common policies that will serve to promote the participation of the youth in socio-economic activities. Given the Youth Bulge in several countries of the ICAPP region, the role and importance of Youth in decision-making has become pivotal.

4. We called for further cooperation among all stakeholders, including governments, political parties and civil societies, to provide equitable access to crucial elements in fostering a sustainable labor market for the youth, such as information technology, education and training, healthcare and financing. In this regard, we stressed the need for the elimination of all discrimination against the disabled, migrant and indigenous youth.

5. We underlined the importance of increased cooperation with U.N. agencies, as well as relevant stakeholders, to address challenges hindering youth development, thus fulfilling the pledge of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda to leave no one behind.

6. We expressed our profound gratitude to the MPP and the Mongolian government for their excellent arrangements to ensure the success of the 6th Meeting of the ICAPP Youth Wing. Our special thanks also went to his excellency H.E. Prime Minister Luvsannamsrain Oyun-Erdene, Chairman of the MPP, Hon. Amarbayasgalan Dashzegve, Secretary-General of the MPP, Hon. Uchral Nyam-Osor, Minister of Digital Development and Communications and President of Social Democratic Youth of the MPP, for their support and warm hospitality during the meeting.

Adopted unanimously on this 5th day of August, 2023 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia