

## **Lebanon's remarks in support of ICAPP bid for observer status in the General Assembly – October 11, 2016**

I wish to voice Lebanon's support to the draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.4, introduced by the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea, and which requests the International Conference of Asian Political Parties' (ICAPP) to be granted observer status in the General Assembly.

My delegation believes that ICAPP's activities contribute to the advancement of the UN purposes and principles and cover matters of interests to the General Assembly. ICAPP's Charter mentions, in its first preambular paragraph, to the need to uphold the UN Charter principles.

Lebanon is also of the view that ICAPP, which consists of more than 350 political parties in 51 countries, can meaningfully contribute to the implementation of major UN documents, in particular the 2030 Agenda for SDGs.

The 2030 Agenda mentions, in its very first lines, "*the involvement of all stakeholders in all countries, acting in a collaborative partnership*" to implement the Agenda. This is typically an example of collaborative partnership needed, which highlights the role ICAPP can play.

We are confident that ICAPP's application will receive a positive outcome.