

## **Resolution on promoting democratic values and cultural corridors cooperation in Asia and beyond**

We, member parties of the Centrist Democrat International (CDI), gather today in Bled, Republic of Slovenia, to discuss international cooperation and solidarity and reaffirm our strong commitment to uphold the centrist democratic values in the promotion of peace, security and socio-economic progress for the people around the world.

We underscore the necessity for securing peace, freedom and democracy in Asia, including the Mekong sub-region and ASEAN at large.

With respect to solidarity and aspirations, we hereby collect our strengths and synergy to promote cooperation and friendship among Asian political parties that drive collective actions and concerted efforts as follows:

1. We call on mutual support and cooperation among our CDI global family to protect and promote democracy in the world that fits with domestic cultures and the rule of law of each individual countries and in line with the law of the nation. In this connection, the Cambodia People's Party calls for enhanced democratic governance in the Mekong and ASEAN at large, such as through running regular democratic elections and maintaining a healthy democratic space for all. Along this line, we invite the members of the CDI global family to participate in the parliamentary election in July 2023 in the Kingdom of Cambodia so as to help further advance the centrist democratic values and to enhance the democratization process of Cambodia, to promote global solidarity and constructive relationships of all friendly parties.
2. Furthermore, we call for peaceful solutions to the ongoing crises in Myanmar that have become immensely destructive to the health, wellbeing, peace, security and development of the people of Myanmar. In this regard, we call on the conflicting parties in Myanmar to fully implement the Five Points Consensus and the recent statement of reiterated commitment adopted at the conclusion of Cambodia's ASEAN Chairmanship 2022. In essence, they must resort to utmost tolerance and nonviolence, so as to achieve peace with win-win outcomes for all that stand on the ground of putting the safety, security and wellbeing of the people of Myanmar the front and center at all times. We further support the aspirations of the people of Myanmar to solve the Myanmar crises by the people of Myanmar, and thus they must seek peace and own their win-win solutions in due course without further prolongation and escalation.
3. We take pride in the remarkable success of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Southeast Asian Games (32<sup>nd</sup> SEA Games) hosted for the first time in 64 years by the CPP-led Royal Government of Cambodia, which has been made possible only by peace and in peacetime. We recognize the significance of this regional sports event of 700 million people in ASEAN as a platform that further enhances people-to-people relations, trust-building, and cultural connectivity among different civilizations of the ASEAN member countries and beyond, and the foundation of lasting peace. Along this line, we call for further promoting of cultural corridors cooperation among the CDI global family in different regions and continents to connect the civilizations through sports and arts on the basis of mutual respect, mutual trust, inclusiveness and peaceful co-existence.