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## **Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly**

## **Report of the Sixth Committee**

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## I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly" was included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly decision 67/526 of 14 December 2012.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2013, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 11th and 29th meetings, on 16 October and 15 November 2013. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/68/SR.11 and 29).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 10 August 2011 from the Permanent Representatives of Cambodia, Japan, Nepal, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/66/198).

## II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/68/L.3

5. At the 11th meeting, on 16 October, the representative of Cambodia, on behalf of Cambodia, Japan, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and Viet Nam, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/68/L.3), which read:





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"The General Assembly,

*"Wishing* to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the International Conference of Asian Political Parties,

"1. *Decides* to invite the International Conference of Asian Political Parties to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

"2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution."

6. At the 29th meeting, on 15 November, the Chair of the Committee announced that the sponsors of the draft resolution had decided not to pursue the request for observer status for the International Conference on Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly at the current session, while reserving the right to present it at a future session.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee concluded its consideration of the item without taking action.