



**THE ULAANBAATAR DECLARATION OF THE 5th CONGRESS OF
THE ASSOCIATION OF ASIAN CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS
AND EQUIVALENT INSTITUTIONS**

August 19, 2022, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

We, the Members of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions, held the 5th Congress in a hybrid form – in person and virtually, on August 18-19, 2022 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, under the theme "Recent Developments of Constitutional Justice in Asia".

During the 5th Congress, we have mutually exchanged experience on respecting and strengthening the constitutionalism, protecting the fundamental rights and freedoms of every person in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, and improving the mechanisms for human rights protection. Consequently, the role of the constitutional courts and equivalent institutions within the mechanism of human rights protection has been reaffirmed more than ever. It's appreciative that we have been able to overcome the long-standing pandemic situation that dragged on for more than two years and held productive, amicable meetings that have expanded the scope of our cooperation.

Reiterating the achievements of the AACC since its establishment in 2010, taking into consideration the outcome of the 5th Congress 2022, we declare the following in Ulaanbaatar:

1. We reaffirm that the social, economic, political and cultural development process taking place throughout the world increasingly demands the countries to adhere to the Constitution and ensure its effective implementation.

2. We emphasize that the constitutional courts and equivalent institutions have been playing an exclusive role in exercising supreme supervision over the implementation of the Constitution and in guaranteeing for strict observance of the Constitution, and that the responsibilities of these bodies would inevitably increase in the future. We stress the fact that the unforeseen circumstances, such as the devastating effects of the Covid-19 pandemic in recent years, have directly challenged the functioning of constitutional courts.

3. The Members of the AACC are encouraged to take active part in the 5th Congress of the World Conference on Constitutional Justice to be held on October 4-8, 2022 in Bali, Republic of Indonesia.

4. The AACC is open for accession of the constitutional courts and equivalent institutions that pursue our common goals. In this regard, welcoming the accession to the AACC of the Supreme Constitutional Court of Palestine during the 5th Congress, the AACC reiterates its policy of steady expansion, and therefore invites once again other Asian constitutional courts and equivalent institutions to become a member of the Association.

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