



**SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION
AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES IN ASIA**

**СЕКРЕТАРИАТ СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ
И МЕРАМ ДОВЕРИЯ В АЗИИ**

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Urgent

The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) presents its compliments to the Embassies of the Member States in Ankara, Beijing, Moscow, Nur-Sultan and Tashkent and has the honour to communicate the following;

*Enclosure:
as stated on 1 p.*

In accordance with article 1.12 of CICA Rules of Procedure of 21 May 2014, the Chair proposes the enclosed CICA's statement on the hostilities in Nagorno-Karabakh region.

In this regard, the Secretariat requests the Member States to give their consent through silence procedure expiring on **23 October 2020**. In absence of any objection by the set deadline, it will be assumed that Member States have given their consent to the proposed statement.

The Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassies of the Member States the assurances of its highest consideration

Nur-Sultan, 21 October 2020



EMBASSIES OF CICA MEMBER STATES
Ankara, Beijing, Moscow, Nur-Sultan, Tashkent

The Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) is deeply concerned over the resumption of hostilities between Armenia and Azerbaijan in the Nagorno-Karabakh region resulting in loss of human lives on both sides.

These hostilities threaten the regional peace and stability, and have worsened the humanitarian situation, as people have already been suffering from the COVID-19 pandemic.

We deplore the loss of human lives and extend our condolences to the families of those killed and injured.

We call for an immediate cessation of hostilities between the sides, and protect civilians and civilian infrastructure considering the obligations under the international humanitarian law.

Negotiations must be resumed urgently in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions and the Madrid Principles proposed by the OSCE Minsk Group.

The CICA expresses its readiness to assist in finding diplomatic solution to the crisis on the platforms of international organizations. In this regard, the CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures could also be used to decrease tensions.