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

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The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Embassies of the CICA Member States in Ankara, Moscow, Nur-Sultan, Beijing and Tashkent and, in reference with the Secretariat's note verbale No.17-1/292emb of 5 November 2020 has the honor to enclose the Chairmanship's non-papers regarding the proposals:

Enclosures:

- non-paper on the Council of Eminent Persons under the CICA;
- non-paper on the CICA Fund;
- non-paper on the transformation of the CICA Think Tank Forum.

- on the Council of Eminent Persons under the CICA;
- on the CICA Fund;
- on the transformation of the CICA Think Tank Forum into a permanent platform.

The Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Embassies of the CICA Member States assurances of its highest consideration.

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NON-PAPER

on Council of Eminent Persons under the CICA

The **Council of Eminent Persons (Council)** is an advisory institution that will develop proposals for the CICA's working bodies on the most pressing international and regional issues.

The Council will carry out its activities on the basis of a common desire for peace and progress of the CICA member states and perform its functions in accordance with the principles and objectives set out in the Declaration of Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States (1999), the Almaty Act (2002), the CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures (2004) and the CICA Rules of Procedure (2004). The working languages of the Council will be English and Russian.

The Council will perform an advisory and mediating function in the field of conflict prevention and resolutions, support processes for building peace and security, present recommendations on conflict situations and their prevention, etc.

During its meetings, the Council will advise CICA on a wide range of economic and social issues, including short-term prospects and global economy risks, advanced technologies, inequality, migration, issues related to countries in special situations, and the implications of these issues for multilateralism and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Agenda.

The main goals and objectives of the Council will be:

- participation in the development of basic principles and work priorities for the coming period;
- submission of proposals, practical recommendations, concepts, analytical and information documents, action plans, programs, reports and opinions to the working bodies of CICA in order to enhance cooperation between the member states in various areas of interaction;

- participation in round tables to discuss the development of cooperation and mutual understanding between the member states with the engagement of representatives of government agencies, non-governmental organizations, research and business communities and other relevant institutions of the member states;

- support for, preservation and development of high spiritual and moral values of history, culture, language and traditions of the peoples of the member states;

- participation in international conferences, seminars and other initiatives aimed at promoting cooperation and mutual understanding between the member states;

- discussion and adoption of draft programs, plans, reports.

It is offered that the **First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan - Elbasy N. Nazarbayev** to be the Head of the Council as the founder of the CICA, and the Council members should be nominated by the CICA member states from among the former heads of state and government, heads of international organizations, prominent politicians, scientists, experts and Nobel laureates, outstanding personalities with high prestige and international recognition for their wisdom, knowledge and leadership skills. In addition, it is proposed to hold sessions of the Council on a regular basis, at least once a year, extraordinary meetings of the Council to be convened by the Chairperson, as well as at the request of the members of the Council with the support of the majority of participants.

The work of the Council of Eminent Persons will be in three stages: discussions at various sessions (seminars, round tables, etc.), consultations with the capitals of the member states, preparation of final recommendations for the CICA.

The Council will have the authority to make proposals and recommendations to the working bodies of the CICA, the members of the Council can take part in all official CICA events. Financial support for the activities of the Council will be provided by the CICA Support Fund or from other sources.

NON-PAPER on the CICA Fund

CICA Fund (the Fund) is a special bank account of the CICA Secretariat for financing CICA projects, events and other activities in the interests of member states.

The Fund will provide financial support in the following areas:

- activities of the Council of Eminent Persons;
- projects for the further development of CICA;
- activities within the five dimensions of CICA;
- preparation of concepts, analytical and information documents, action plans, programs and reports for strengthening the cooperation between member states in various areas of engagement;
- activities of working groups to discuss the development of cooperation and mutual understanding among member states with the participation of representatives of government authorities, non-governmental organizations, scientific and business communities and other relevant institutions of member states;
- international conferences, seminars, symposiums and other initiatives aimed at promoting cooperation and mutual understanding between member states;
- necessary financial assistance to the CICA member states in case of natural and/or man-made disasters;
- assistance to the CICA member states in need aimed at improving their positions in economic, social, educational, medical and cultural spheres.

The Fund will operate on the principles of transparency, innovation and international law.

The Fund establishes the following criteria for selecting projects for financing: regional location, suitability, relevance, quality, profitability, and sustainability.

The Special Project Evaluation Working Group (SPEWG) will carry out project evaluation. Executive Director of the CICA Secretariat will lead the SPEWG. The CICA Chairman based on the recommendations of the SOC will approve the SPEWG composition.

The CICA Secretariat will manage the Fund. Donors of the Fund can be involved in the selection of projects for financing with the consent of the CICA member states.

The Fund will finance projects with clearly set goals, objectives and duration.

The CICA Secretariat will present annual reports on the Fund activities among the member states. The audit of the intended use of funds will be carried out in accordance with the Financial Rules of the CICA Secretariat.

It is proposed to generate financial resources from the following sources: voluntary contributions from member states, donor contributions, banks, NGOs, international organizations, companies and individuals. The budget of the Fund will not be part of the budget of the CICA Secretariat.

NON-PAPER
on transformation of the CICA Think Tanks Forum
into a permanent platform

Permanent platform of the CICA Think Tanks Forum (Platform) – is a scientific and advisory platform that will focus on discussion and exchange of views on the most pressing international and interregional issues.

The Platform will conduct its activities based on the common aspiration for peace and progress of the CICA Member States and overcoming new challenges of modern era. The working languages of the Forum will be English and Russian.

The Platform will maintain extensive relations with leading regional and global think tanks in CICA region and beyond. Consolidation of think tanks of the CICA Member States within the framework of a permanent structure will serve to promote the goals of the Conference, its institutionalization, as well as content and quality related issues of its political agenda.

Experts and scientists from concerned CICA Member States will be invited to the Platform with the purpose of analyzing solution paths to specific problems, developing proposals, exploring new forms of collaboration, as well as developing approaches to resolving regional conflicts.

The Platform will provide expert support for CICA activities, as well as participate in the development of proposals, practical recommendations, concepts, analytical and informational documents, action plans, programs and reports for CICA working groups in the following areas:

- strengthening and expansion of regional cooperation in research activities;
- improvement of research efficiency and effectiveness by strengthening communication and coordination;

- furtherance of cooperation within the CICA by promoting awareness and understanding of the problems and issues faced by CICA Member States;
- research and provision of solutions to international and regional security issues;
- analysis and proposals for overcoming global and regional challenges on the agenda;
- research on political, economic, social and legal problems in the Member States, as well as their position in the world community;
- continuous institutional development of the CICA;
- content of the five dimensions of the CICA;
- expansion of the CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures;
- impact of global problems of modern age on Asian countries;
- analysis and forecasting of global economic dynamics and socio-political processes;
- new approaches in promoting cooperation between CICA Member States.

Member States nominate at least one think tank from each CICA Member State to the Platform. One of the think tanks is proposed to be given the status of a coordinator of the Platform's activities. At the initial stage, Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies, the Institute of World Economics and Politics, or the Foreign Policy Research Institute under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan may be considered as coordinator.

Within the framework of the Platform, it is planned to hold expert meetings of working groups on the five dimensions of the CICA with the participation of representatives of government bodies, international organizations and think tanks of the Member States, which will be held on a regular basis, but not less than once a year.

The Platform will be funded by the CICA Fund, the CICA Secretariat, and voluntary and donor contributions.