



**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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The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) presents its compliments to the CICA Member States in Ankara, Beijing, Moscow, Nur-Sultan and Tashkent and in reference of Secretariat's note verbale № 14-3/251emb of 27 October 2020 and has the honour to inform that received proposals only from Kazakhstan.

Enclosure:

*A letter by the Director
of the DAPC MFA of
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In this regard Secretariat once again kindly requests the Member States to share proposals on advancing the confidence building measures in the sphere of Development of Small and Medium Enterprises including ideas and relevant events and inputs to the agenda and send them to **asia-security@mid.ru** by **16 November 2020**.

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

Nur-Sultan, 09 November 2020



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Ankara, Beijing, Moscow, Nur-Sultan, Tashkent

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

To: CICA MEMBER STATES SENIOR OFFICIALS

Subject: Managing CICA efforts in SMEs development

Dear colleagues,

As a CICA coordinator for confidence building measures in the development of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) Russia attaches great importance to cooperation in this area which is especially critical for post-pandemic recovery. Digital economy is of specific interest to us: on October 20, 2020 Russia hosted an online roundtable discussion on “Digital Economy and Its Role in the Development of SMEs in CICA Member States” which gathered 13 CICA participating countries.

We deem it necessary to use our platform in order to widen practical cooperation in the economic dimension. As the CICA working plan for 2021 is being drafted we would appreciate you sharing with us (asia-security@mid.ru) any suggestions on how to advance our collective work on the above track including ideas on relevant events and inputs to the agenda. The accumulated information will be then circulated among Member States.

Yours sincerely,

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