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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 Republic of Kazakhstan and Embassies of the CICA Member States in Ankara, Beijing, Moscow, Nur-Sultan and Tashkent and with reference to the Secretariat's note №13-1/276emb dated 28 October 2020, regarding the Republic of Uzbekistan's proposal to convene videoconference on "The role of youth in countering radicalism, extremism and terrorism", has the honour to forward materials on the event.

Enclosures:

- 1) *Concept of the event;*
- 2) *Program of the event.*

The Secretariat informs that the organizers of the event kindly request to provide information on speakers in advance.

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

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CONCEPT

of the international online conference "The Role of Youth in Countering Radicalism, Extremism and Terrorism"

I. Introduction

The states of the Central Asian region, like many other countries, face similar challenges, including those associated with the penetration of various extremist ideologies; insecurity of consciousness and behavior of young people living abroad from the influence of radical ideas, the presence of youth crime, which are also due to the low level of regional cooperation in the field of harmonization of approaches to youth policy.

Taking effective action against terrorism requires active public-private partnerships between governments, civil society, the private sector, the media and academia. Such cooperation must be institutionalized to ensure sustainability and efficiency.

The inclusion of youth organizations in combating manifestations of radicalism and extremism in society is an important indicator of the intolerance of this phenomenon in society. And the activities of youth public associations, whose task is to organize positive developmental leisure for adolescents and youth play an essential role in the general system of prevention of extremism and radicalization efforts among young people.

II. Date and place of the event.

December 22, 2020, Zoom platform.

III. Organizers

Youth Affairs Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Youth Union of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Higher and Secondary Specialized Education, Ministry of Public Education, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Physical Culture and Sports, Committee on Religious Affairs, State Security Service, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, General Prosecutor's Office, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Justice, Ministry for Mahalla and Family Support, Ministry of Defense, National Guard of the Republic of Uzbekistan, OSCE Project Coordinator in Uzbekistan and UNODC Regional Office for Central Asia.

IV. Goals and tasks

The main goal - is to attract attention and unite the efforts of the SCO, CIS and CICA member states in countering radicalism, extremism and terrorism among young people.

Tasks:

- getting acquainted with the experience of the SCO, CIS and CICA member states in the field of legislative regulation of the activities of state bodies and public organizations combating radicalism, extremism and terrorism;
- determination of the main directions of interstate interaction, as well as further improvement of the legal and organizational framework in the field of countering radicalism, extremism and terrorism;
- development of effective mechanisms of international cooperation in the area of fighting against radicalism, extremism and terrorism;
- study of the best international experience in the field of attracting and expanding the participation of youth, youth organizations in struggling against radicalism, extremism and terrorism;
- wide coverage in the media and social networks of the practical results of the conference in order to increase the vigilance and motivation of young people in the fight against radicalism, extremism and terrorism in society.

V. Potential Thematic Areas for Key Messages**1. Legal and institutional framework for countering terrorism and radicalization among youth: international and national aspects***Questions for discussion:*

- review of the development of the international legal framework for preventing and countering terrorism and radicalization among young people;
- study of international experience on the legal and regulatory framework in countering radicalism, extremism and terrorism;
- determination of the main directions of interstate cooperation in the further improvement of the legal and organizational framework;
- identification of the main tasks and challenges associated with international cooperation in the field of prevention and counteraction in countering radicalism, extremism and terrorism.

2. The role of civil society institutions in countering radicalism, extremism and terrorism among young people*Questions for discussion:*

- assistance to civil society institutions in the prevention and counteraction of RET among young people;
- strengthening the interaction of civil society and state bodies in the prevention and counteraction of RET among young people;
- development of measures to enhance partnerships between public authorities, the private sector and civil society;
- empowerment of youth, as well as their involvement in the activities of civil society institutions.

3. Innovative approaches and the role of youth organizations in the prevention of extremism and terrorism

Questions for discussion:

- preventing extremism by empowering youth through education, developing modern professions and promoting youth employment;
- the role of authoritative youth public organizations focused on creative activities to protect the interests and meet the needs of the younger generation;
- prospects for involving young people in the development and implementation of measures to prevent and counter violent extremism and terrorism.

4. Preventing violent extremism on social media

Questions for discussion:

- enhancing the role of propaganda activities, including information and communication technologies, aimed at preventing and countering the dissemination of the ideology of terrorism and violent extremism among young people;
- empowering young people using information and communication technologies: the Internet and social media as strategic channels of communication;
- improving methods of using the Internet and social networks in order to prevent the propaganda of hatred and violence;
- development of specific initiatives aimed at promoting the full realization of the rights and opportunities of young people using ICT;
- improving the skills of media and information literacy among young people;
- increasing the skills of young people to critically read the news, identify false news and confidently participate in online forums to identify and counter false news.

VI. The main directions of work on the organization and conduct of the international conference

1. Organizational issues:

- organization of technical support for the online conference;
- assistance in resolving issues related to the arrival and stay of foreign participants in Uzbekistan (meetings upon arrival, accommodation in a hotel, etc.);
- collection of abstracts of speeches of foreign and national speakers, etc.

2. Preparation and approval of the list of conference participants from the Republic of Uzbekistan and foreign countries. Preparing and organizing the mailing of invitations and maintaining constant communication with the event participants (together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

3. Determination of those responsible for the coverage of the conference in the media (preparation of press releases, organization of work with the media, and preparation of information materials based on its results).

4. Providing simultaneous translation of the speeches of the conference participants (if necessary).

5. Preparation and approval of the Conference Program.

VII. Suggested list (number of participants)

International and local experts, representatives of youth organizations of the SCO member states, CICA, CIS and OSCE will attend the event.

VIII. Expected results:

- participation of youth organizations in the development of mechanisms for international cooperation in the field of countering radicalism, extremism and terrorism;

- strengthening and development of international cooperation in the field of countering radicalism, extremism and terrorism;

- reaching a new level and exchange of experience in the area of combating radicalism, extremism and terrorism in society;

- at the end of the conference, it is planned to publish a collection of articles and abstracts.

XI. Participants:

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PROGRAM
**OF THE INTERNATIONAL ONLINE CONFERENCE "THE ROLE OF
YOUTH IN COMBATING RADICALISM, EXTREMISM AND
TERRORISM"**

December 22nd, Zoom platform

08:30-09:00	Connection of participants
Greeting	
09:00-09:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bekhzod MUSAYEV, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan • Mr. Sergey Lebedev, Chairman of the Executive Committee - Executive Secretary of the CIS • Mr. Kairat SARYBAY, Executive Director of the SEDMA Secretariat • Mr. Alisher SADULLAYEV, Director of the Agency for Youth Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan • Ms. Jayathma VIKRAMANAYAKE, UN Secretary General's Envoy for Youth • Mr. Vladimir Norov, Secretary General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization • Mr. Pulat Bobojonov, Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan • Mr. John McGregor, OSCE Project Coordinator in Uzbekistan <p>Moderator: Mr. (Ms.) _____,</p>
09:45-11:00	<u>LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR COUNTERING TERRORISM AND RADICALIZATION AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE: INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL ASPECTS</u>
	<p><u>Questions for discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - review of the development of the international legal framework for preventing and countering terrorism and radicalization among young people; - study of international experience on the legal and regulatory framework in countering radicalism, extremism and terrorism; - priority areas of interstate cooperation in the further improvement of the legal and organizational framework;

	<p>- determination of the main tasks and challenges associated with international cooperation in the field of prevention and counteraction in combating radicalism, extremism and terrorism.</p> <p>Mr. Johannes HILLER, Counselor on Counter-Terrorism, OSCE ODIHR, Warsaw</p> <p>Mr. Arturo LUREN GONZALEZ, Counter Terrorism Division, Department of Treaty Affairs, UNODC, Vienna</p> <p>Mr _____, Committee on Defense and Security of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan</p> <p>Mr Antonio ALONSO, Professor of International Relations, University of San Pablo, Madrid</p> <p>Discussion (20 min.)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. (Ms.) _____,</p>
11:00-11:30	<i>Break</i>
11:30-13:00	<p><u>ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY INSTITUTIONS IN COUNTERING RADICALISM, EXTREMISM AND TERRORISM AMONG YOUTH</u></p>
	<p><u>Questions for discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - assistance to civil society institutions in the prevention and counteraction of RET among young people; - strengthening the interaction of civil society and state bodies in the prevention and counteraction of RET among young people; - development of measures to enhance partnerships between public authorities, the private sector and civil society; - empowerment of youth, as well as their involvement in the activities of civil society institutions. <p>Mr. (Ms.) _____,</p> <p>Mr. (Ms.) _____,</p> <p>Mr. (Ms.) _____,</p> <p>Discussion (20 min.)</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Helena FREISER, UN Resident Coordinator in Uzbekistan</p>

13:00- 14:00	<i>Break</i>
14:00- 15:20	<u>INNOVATIVE APPROACHES AND THE ROLE OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PREVENTION OF EXTREMISM AND TERRORISM</u>
	<p><u>Issues for discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - preventing extremism by empowering youth through education, developing modern professions and promoting youth employment; - the role of authoritative youth public organizations focused on creative activities to protect the interests and meet the needs of the younger generation; - Prospects for involving young people in the development and implementation of measures to prevent and counter violent extremism and terrorism. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mr. (Ms.) _____,</u> <u>Mr. (Ms.) _____,</u> <u>Mr. (Ms.) _____,</u></p> <p><u>Discussion (20 min.)</u></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Ashita MITTAL, Head of Regional Office for Central Asia UNODC</p>
15:20- 16:40	<u>PREVENTING VIOLENT EXTREMISM ON SOCIAL MEDIA</u>

	<p><u>Questions for discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - increasing the role of propaganda activities, including information and communication technologies, aimed at preventing and countering the dissemination of the ideology of terrorism and violent extremism among young people; - empowering young people using information and communication technologies: the Internet and social media as strategic channels of communication; - improving methods of using the Internet and social networks in order to prevent the propaganda of hatred and violence. - development of specific initiatives aimed at promoting the full realization of the rights and opportunities of young people using ICT; - improving the skills of media and information literacy among young people. - Improving the skills of young people to critically read the news, identify false news and confidently participate in online forums to identify and counter false news. <p><u>Mr. (Ms.) _____,</u> <u>Mr. (Ms.) _____,</u> <u>Mr. (Ms.) _____,</u></p> <p><u>Discussion (20 min.)</u></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Otabek RASHIDOV, OSCE Secretariat, Department for Countering Transnational Threats, Anti-Terrorism Unit</p>
16.40 - 17:00	<u>CLOSING SESSION:</u>
	<p><u>Closing remarks:</u></p> <p><u>Mr. (Ms.) _____,</u> <u>Mr. (Ms.) _____,</u> <u>Mr. (Ms.) _____,</u></p>