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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, Tashkent and in accordance with the paragraph 3 of the SOC Decisions dated December 11, 2020, has the honor to request the Member States to provide proposals to the Concept Paper, provided by the People's Republic of China, on including the Area of Traditional Medicine into the Confidence Building Measures of CICA **by 15 January 2021**. These proposals will be incorporated into the updated draft document.

*Enclosure:  
as stated, on 2 p.*

The Secretariat has already forwarded the aforementioned Concept Paper to the CICA Member States by the note No. 17-1/359emb dated December 9, 2020.

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 Paper of**

### **Including the Area of Traditional Medicine into the CBMs of CICA**

#### **I. Background**

Almost all CICA Member States have their own traditional medicine and folk-medicine, and many have formulated corresponding management systems and policies. In recent years, many Member States have conducted cooperation on traditional medicine under international and regional multilateral frameworks including the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), China-ASEAN, the ASEAN Plus Three, and Lancang-Mekong cooperation mechanism. On this basis, the inclusion of traditional medicine into the cooperation of CICA will further boost the development of traditional medicine among Member States as well as promoting the international status of traditional medicine in the field of health.

#### **II. Objective of Cooperation**

By cooperation such as exchange of political informations, health care, education and training, scientific research, development and utilization of medicinal plants, cultural exchange of traditional medicine, encouraging Member States to achieve the following objectives:

a) Promoting inclusion of the traditional medicine into the national health care system through formulation and implementation the policy and the planning of the

national traditional medicine.

b) Enhancing supervision to ensure quality, security, appropriate use and effectiveness of the products and service of the traditional medicine.

c) Extending the service of the health care of the traditional medicine, promoting its universal coverage, and improving the popularity of the medical resources.

d) Establishing and perfecting the system of education, training, qualification examination, certification and licence of practitioners in the area of traditional medicine. The practitioners of traditional medicine are supposed to improve their knowledge and skills in responding to the national needs.

e) Summarizing and improving the knowledge system, strengthening the scientific research, promoting the development of the traditional medicine.

f) Promoting the exploitation and industrialization of the phytomedicine and other products of the traditional medicine.

g) Promoting international cooperation and exchange among Member States, and cultural mutual learning of traditional medicine.

### III. Suggestions for Future Cooperation

As an initiator of the inclusion of cooperation on traditional medicine, China stands ready to strengthen relevant communication with other Member States and actively carry out cooperation on technological exchange, medical personnel training, scientific research, and planting and utilization of herbal medicine. In the joint response to COVID-19, China is willing to share its experience in the combined treatment of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Western Medicine, and to contribute to the international anti-epidemic communication and cooperation.