



**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 Embassies of the Member States in Ankara, Dushanbe, Moscow, Nur-Sultan and Tashkent and has the honour to inform the following.

*Enclosure:  
as stated, on 3 p.*

In accordance with paragraph 7 of the Decisions of the CICA Senior Officials Committee (December 19, 2019, Chongqing, PRC), the Secretariat has the honour to send following proposals provided by the Republic of Kazakhstan:

1. Establishment of the CICA Council of Eminent Persons;
2. Establishment of the CICA Support Fund;
3. Transformation of the CICA Analytical Centers Forum into a Permanent Platform.

The Secretariat also has the honour to request the Member States to send their comments regarding the abovementioned proposals.

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

Nur-Sultan, 10 January 2020



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

## **CICA Council of Eminent Persons**

**The CICA Council of Eminent Persons (CEP)** - is a consultative institution that will develop proposals for the working bodies of the CICA on the most relevant international and regional issues.

CEP will conduct its activities on the basis of common aspiration for peace and progress of the CICA Member States, as well as in accordance with the principles and purposes of the Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States (1999), Almaty Act (2002), CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures (2004), CICA Rules of Procedure (2004). The working languages of the CEP will be English and Russian.

The main purposes and tasks of the CEP will be:

- participation in the development of basic principles and priorities for the upcoming period;
- submission to the CICA working bodies of proposals, practical recommendations, concepts, analytical documents, action plans, programs, reports and opinions with the aim of developing cooperation between the Member States in various areas of interaction;
- participation in round tables to discuss issues of development of cooperation and mutual understanding between the Member States with the participation of representatives of state bodies, non-governmental organizations, scientific and business circles and other relevant institutions of member states;
- support, 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, workshops and other initiatives aiming at promoting cooperation and understanding among the Member States;
- discussion and adoption of draft programmes, plans, reports as well as estimates, budgets and financial reports on its activities.

The CEP is proposed to be led by the First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan - Leader of Nation H.E. Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev, as the Founder of the CICA.

The members of the CEP are proposed to be nominated by the CICA Member States from among former heads of state and government, prominent politicians, scientists, experts and Nobel laureates.

In addition, it is proposed to hold CEP sessions on a regular basis, at least once a year. Sessions of the CEP may be convened by the Chairman or upon request of members of the CEP with the support of a majority of participants.

The CEP will have the authority to submit suggestions and recommendations to the working bodies of the CICA. The CEP members can participate in all official CICA events. The financial support of the CEP will be provided by the CICA Support Fund, CICA Secretariat or from other sources.

## **CICA Support Fund**

**The CICA Support Fund (Fund)** - is a special bank account of the CICA Secretariat for financing projects, events, other activities within the interests of the CICA Member States.

The fund will provide financial support in the following areas:

- activities of the CICA Council of Eminent Persons;
- projects on further development of the CICA process;
- events in the framework of CICA dimensions;
- support in preparing concepts, analytical papers, action plans, programs and reports with a view to strengthening cooperation among the Member States in various areas of interaction;
- support of working groups on the development of cooperation and understanding among the Member States with the involvement of representatives of state authorities, NGOs, academic and business circles and other relevant institutions of the Member States;
- support of holding international conferences, seminars, workshops and other initiatives aiming at promoting cooperation and understanding among the Member States.

The Fund will operate based on the principles of **transparency, innovativeness and rule of law**.

The Fund will be administered by the CICA Secretariat. International organizations and NGOs that are donors to the Fund will be able to participate in the coordination of the activities of the Fund based on the agreement of the Member States.

The CICA Secretariat will submit annual reports on the activities of the Fund among the Member States in English and Russian languages. The audit of the targeted use of funds will be conducted in accordance with the financial rules of the CICA Secretariat.

Financial resources of the Fund will be accumulated from the following sources: voluntary contributions by the Member States, NGOs, international organizations, companies, banks and individuals.

The budget of the Fund will not be part of the budget of the CICA Secretariat.

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## **Transformation of the CICA Analytical Centers Forum into a Permanent Platform**

**The CICA Analytical Centers Forum (Forum)** - is a scientific and advisory platform for discussing and exchanging views on the most relevant international and regional issues.

The Forum conducts its activities on the basis of common aspiration for peace and progress of the CICA Member States. The working languages of the Forum are English and Russian.

The Forum, as the permanent platform, will provide expert support to the activities of the CICA as well as participate in the development of proposals, practical recommendations, concepts, analytical documents, action plans, programs and reports for the working bodies of the CICA in the following areas:

- transformation of the CICA into a full-fledged Organization for Security and Development of Asia (OSDA);
- substantive development of the CICA dimensions;
- further promotion of the CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures;
- interethnic and interreligious situation in Asia;
- contemporary global problems and their impact on Asia;
- analysis and forecasting of world economic dynamics and socio-political processes;
- issues of international and regional security;
- political, economic, social and legal issues in the CICA Member States;
- promotion of cooperation among the CICA Member States.

It is proposed that one research center from each CICA Member State be invited to the Forum. From Kazakhstan, it is proposed that the Institute of World Economics and Politics be included, which is also proposed to be the coordinating structure of the Forum.

Within the framework of the Forum, it is planned to hold expert meetings of working groups on five CICA dimensions, which could be attended by representatives of state bodies, international organizations and research centers of member states and will be held on a regular basis, at least once a year. The Forum will be financed by the CICA Support Fund, CICA Secretariat or from other sources.

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