



Ministerial Meeting

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**Regulations of the Council of Eminent Persons
of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence
Building Measures in Asia (CICA)**

**Article 1
General provisions**

1.1 These Regulations define the framework for the activities, structure and *modi operandi* of the Council of Eminent Persons of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (hereinafter referred to as the Council of Eminent Persons).

1.2 The Council of Eminent Persons is an advisory body of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (hereinafter referred to as CICA).

1.3 The Council of Eminent Persons is designed to develop and provide advice on a wide range of issues of interaction and development within the framework of CICA.

1.4 The Council of Eminent Persons shall work on the basis of the principle of consensus, voluntariness and the common desire of the Member States for peace and progress and perform its functions in accordance with the principles set out in the Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States (1999), the goals set out in the Almaty Act (2002), in accordance with the CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures (2004) and these Regulations.

1.5 The advice of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be adopted by consensus and shall not be binding on the Member States and CICA structures.

1.6 The CICA Secretariat shall, when required, provide the Council of Eminent Persons with organizational, technical and administrative support.

**Article 2
Functions of the Council of Eminent Persons**

2.1 The Council of Eminent Persons shall perform its functions at the request of and report to the CICA Summit, Ministerial Meeting or the CICA Chairmanship and provide advice on a wide range of issues of interaction and development of CICA,

including strengthening of peace and security, implementation of confidence building measures, further directions and priorities of CICA activities. The advice of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be circulated to all Member States through the Secretariat.

2.2 The Council of Eminent Persons may draw the attention of the Chairmanship to certain issues that, in its opinion, deserve consideration by the CICA governing bodies.

Article 3

Membership in the Council of Eminent Persons

3.1 The Head of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be appointed from among the former heads of state or government or other prominent political and public figures of CICA Member States, who enjoy high credibility, have wide international recognition and have made a significant contribution to the development of CICA.

3.1.1 The candidacy for the Head of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be recommended by the Chairmanship in consultation with Member States and approved by the Summit or by the silence procedure.

3.1.2 The Head of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be appointed for a term of 5 years, with the possibility of extending his/her powers for the next term by a decision of the Summit or by the silence procedure.

3.1.3 In case of early termination of the powers of the Head of the Council of Eminent Persons, the Chairmanship shall recommend a new candidate in accordance with provisions of p. 3.1.1.

3.2 The Members of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be appointed from among prominent political and public figures, scholars and other eminent personalities from the CICA Member States on the basis of consensus and voluntary participation.

3.2.1 Candidates for membership in the Council of Eminent Persons shall be nominated by CICA Member States and nominations shall be submitted for approval by the Senior Officials Committee.

3.2.2 The Members of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be appointed for a term of five years, with the possibility of extending their powers for the next term by re-nominating them and appointing them in accordance with p. 3.2.1.

3.3 The Head of the Council of Eminent Persons and the Members of the Council of Eminent Persons, at the invitation of the Chairmanship and with the consent of the Member States, may participate in the meetings of the CICA governing bodies to provide recommendations on certain issues.

Article 4
Head of the Council of Eminent Persons

4.1 The Head of the Council of Eminent Persons shall perform the following functions:

4.1.1 Provide overall coordination and leadership in the Council of Eminent Persons.

4.1.2 Convene and preside over the meetings of the Council of Eminent Persons.

4.1.3 Coordinate the interaction of the Council of Eminent Persons with the CICA Chairmanship, Member States and institutions.

4.1.4 Form the agenda of the meeting of the Council of Eminent Persons.

Article 5
Advisory Group

5.1 The Advisory Group shall be a subsidiary structure of the Council of Eminent Persons, providing advisory, expert and analytical support to the Council of Eminent Persons at its request.

5.2 The Members of the Advisory Group shall be nominated by the Member States and approved by the Senior Officials Committee on the basis of consensus and voluntary participation.

5.3 Candidates for the Advisory Group shall be nominated from among the citizens of the CICA Member States, who have the necessary competence, experience and knowledge in various areas of CICA activities.

5.4 The Advisory Group shall include experts and specialists in the five dimensions of CICA interaction. In this regard, each Member State may nominate up to five candidates to the Group.

5.5 The Council of Eminent Persons shall invite certain Members of the Advisory Group to provide support on specific issues.

5.6 At the invitation of the Head of the Council of Eminent Persons, certain Members of the Advisory Group may participate in the meetings of the Council of Eminent Persons related to their field of competence.

Article 6

Organizational matters

6.1 Meetings of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be convened by the Head of the Council of Eminent Persons to discuss the issues put before the Council of Eminent Persons.

6.2 The Council of Eminent Persons shall meet on an ad hoc basis.

6.3 The format, place and date of the meeting of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be determined by the Head of the Council of Eminent Persons after consultations with the Chairmanship and the Executive Director.

6.4 The draft agenda for the meetings of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be developed under the direction of the Head of the Council of Eminent Persons and distributed in advance to the Members of the Council of Eminent Persons.

Article 7

Financing of the Council of Eminent Persons

7.1 The organizational expenses related to the meetings of the Council of Eminent Persons, as well as the expenses of the Head and Members of the Council of Eminent Persons for travel to the meeting venue, accommodation and meals shall be covered by the funds of the CICA Secretariat, the host party, as well as from other sources.

7.2 The expenses of the Members of the Advisory Group for travel to the meeting venue, accommodation and meals shall be covered by the sending party.

Article 8

Final provisions

8.1 The working languages of the meetings of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be English and Russian.

8.2 The language of the official documents of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be English.

8.3 These Regulations shall be approved by the CICA Foreign Ministers and enter into force from the date of its adoption.

8.4 The Senior Officials Committee may introduce additions and amendments into these Regulations.