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as stated,
on 3 p.*

The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) presents its compliments to the CICA Member States and with reference to the Secretariat's Note No.HD/522 of 28 April 2023 has the honour to forward herewith an updated version of the draft Statement of the CICA Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs on Promoting Volunteerism for Sustainable Development, taking into account comments from Member States.

The Secretariat, on behalf of the Chairmanship, has further the honour to inform that this draft Statement will be considered at the Special Working Group meeting on 13-14 June 2023 in Astana.

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

Astana, 7 June 2023

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Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и, ссылаясь на ноту Секретариата №HD/522 от 28 апреля 2023 года, имеет честь направить обновленную версию проекта Заявления Совета министров иностранных дел СВМДА по продвижению волонтерства для устойчивого развития с учетом комментариев от государств-членов.

Секретариат от имени Председательства также имеет честь сообщить, что данный проект Заявления будет рассмотрен на заседании Специальной рабочей группы 13-14 июня 2023 года в г. Астане.

Секретариат пользуется случаем, чтобы возобновить государствам-членам СВМДА уверения в своем весьма высоком уважении.

город Астана, 7 июня 2023 г.

**ГОСУДАРСТВА-ЧЛЕНЫ СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО
ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ И МЕРАМ ДОВЕРИЯ
В АЗИИ**



Қосымша:
аталған, 3 п.

Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (Азия Кеңесінің) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесінің мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіреді және Хатшылықтың 2023 жылғы 28 сәуірдегі № HD/522 нотаға қосымша ретінде мүше мемлекеттердің ескертулерін ескере отырып Азия Кеңесі Сыртқы істер министрлері кеңесінің тұрақты даму мүддесі үшін еріктілікті ілгерілету туралы мәлімдемесі жобасының жаңартылған нұсқасын жолдауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

Хатшылық Төрағалық атынан осы мәлімдеме жобасы 2023 жылғы 13-14 маусымда Астанада өтетін Арнаулы жұмыс тобының отырысында қаралатынын хабарлауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

Хатшылық осы мүмкіндікті пайдалана отырып, Азия Кеңесінің мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын тағы да растайды.

Астана қаласы, 2023 жылғы 7 маусым

**АЗИЯДАҒЫ ӨЗАРА ІС-ҚИМЫЛ ЖӘНЕ
СЕНІМ ШАРАЛАРЫ КЕҢЕСІНІҢ МҮШЕ
МЕМЛЕКЕТТЕРІ**

Draft as of 1 June 2023

**Statement of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs
of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia
on Promoting Volunteerism for Sustainable Development**

We, the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), met in New York on __ September 2023 for the Informal CICA Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs meeting;

EMPHASIZING the importance of integration of volunteerism into national development strategies;

RECOGNIZING the great potential of volunteering in promoting social cohesion, good neighborliness, peace and cooperation;

ACKNOWLEDGING that volunteering is a powerful and cross-cutting means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

RECALLING numerous UN General Assembly resolutions, including UNGA Resolution A/RES/73/140 Volunteering for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, UNGA Resolution A/RES/70/129 Integrating Volunteering into Peace and Development: the Plan of Action for the Next Decade and Beyond and UNGA Resolution A/RES/76/131 Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations Volunteers Programme and Twentieth Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers;

GIVING SUPPORT to activities fostering the recognition and promotion of volunteering ensuring a shift from ad hoc and isolated volunteer projects to systematic scaled work;

STRESSING a crucial role of volunteerism in reducing unemployment, poverty, disaster risk and damage caused by pandemics, as well as in promoting good health, quality education and well-being;

UNDERLINING the importance of volunteerism for promoting respect for cultural and religious diversity **of civilization, exchanges and mutual learning among civilizations [+CHN]** and its role in strengthening of friendly relations, mutual understanding, trust and tolerance among peoples;

WE HEREBY DECIDE TO:

1. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the importance of volunteerism, especially among the youth as a most socially active group of people, in mitigating the negative impact of unemployment, poverty, disaster risk, damage caused by pandemics and other challenges, particularly in exercising an active role in national responses and

recovery, promoting good health, quality education and achieving Sustainable Development Goals;

2. **ENCOURAGE** recognition of the volunteers' efforts both on national and international levels;
3. **SUPPORT** the initiative of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan to declare the International Year of Volunteer Mobilization for Development under the auspices of the United Nations; [+KAZ]
4. **IMPROVE** the measures taken by the CICA Member States in order to promote active engagement of citizens into volunteering;
5. **PARTICIPATE** in a Rally of Volunteer Movement Leaders of the CICA Member States to be held in Astana in 2024 under the auspices of the CICA Youth Council; [+KAZ]
6. **ENCOURAGE** volunteers from the CICA Member States to take part in relevant initiatives of each other in order to support and popularize volunteerism at the regional level; welcome such initiatives as the International Prize and International Civic Participation Forum "We are Together", ASEAN Youth Volunteer Programme.
7. **SUPPORT** the platform of CICA Youth Council to promote volunteerism as the positive social-oriented phenomenon to unleash potential of the youth; use CICA Youth Council to promote volunteerism in a comprehensive way;
8. **REAFFIRM** the CICA Member States' readiness to share experience and exchange best practices and plans to promote volunteerism and volunteer exchanges;
9. **CREATE** a favorable environment for citizens of the CICA Member States, especially for youth, to participate in volunteer activities, both onsite and online;
10. **PROMOTE** the development and implementation of joint volunteer programs and projects (festivals, conferences, volunteer expeditions, etc.) related to a broad range of issues;
11. **PROMOTE** volunteers' participation in programs and projects related to multiculturalism, ethnic and religious tolerance and intercultural dialogue; [+AZ]
12. **PROMOTE** the creation of a network of volunteer centers, involving organizations, student and youth groups, public associations directly engaged in volunteer activities;
13. **SUPPORT** the development and promotion of modern electronic systems and databases for volunteers, such as the **DOBRO.COM** platform,

“GönüllüüzBIZ” (gonulluyuzbiz.gov.tr) [+TÜRK] [, ...]¹ and ENCOURAGE to assign country operators responsible for supporting and promoting the above-mentioned platforms [AZ, CHN are of the opinion that there is no need to highlight the platforms] in the CICA Member States;

14. **PROMOTE** corporate volunteering;

15. **PROMOTE** training/courses to develop technical skills and relevant competencies for volunteers.

¹ The Russian side proposes other CICA Member States to add their national volunteer platforms to the common list of electronic volunteer systems.