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The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) presents its compliments to the CICA Member States and, on behalf of the CICA Chairmanship, has the honour to forward the draft Nur-Sultan Charter presented at the Senior Officials Committee (SOC) meeting on 15 June 2022. The presentation and accompanying statement by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan A.Tursunov are available on the Secretariat website (<https://www.s-cica.org/index.php?view=page&t=statements-soc-meeting-15-june-2022>).

*Enclosure:
as stated, on 6 p.*

As announced at the SOC meeting, Member States may send their comments on the attached draft to the Secretariat until 30 June 2022. It will be placed on the agenda of the online Special Working Group meeting on Thursday, 21 July 2022.

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

Nur-Sultan, 18 June 2022



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Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и от имени Председательства СВМДА имеет честь направить проект Нур-Султанской хартии, представленный на заседании Комитета старших должностных лиц (КСДЛ) 15 июня 2022 года. Презентация и сопроводительное заявление заместителя Министра иностранных дел Казахстана А. Турсунова доступны на веб-сайте Секретариата (<https://www.s-cica.org/index.php?view=page&t=statements-soc-meeting-15-june-2022>).

*Приложение:
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на б. л.*

Как было объявлено на заседании КСДЛ, государства-члены могут направить свои комментарии по прилагаемому проекту в Секретариат до 30 июня 2022 года. Проект будет включен в повестку дня онлайн-заседания Специальной рабочей группы, которое состоится в четверг, 21 июля 2022 года.

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

город Нур-Султан, 18 июня 2022 г.



**ГОСУДАРСТВА-ЧЛЕНЫ
СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ И
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аталған 6 п.

Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (Азия Кеңесінің) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесінің мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіре отырып, Азия Кеңесі Төрағалығының атынан 2022 жылғы 15 маусымда Аға лауазымды тұлғалар комитетінің (АЛТК) отырысында ұсынылған Нұр-Сұлтан хартиясының жобасын жолдауды өзіне мәртебе санайды. Қазақстан Республикасы Сыртқы істер министрінің орынбасары Ә. Тұрсынов мырзаның презентациясы мен ілеспе мәлімдемесі Хатшылықтың веб-сайтында қолжетімді (<https://www.s-cica.org/index.php?view=page&t=statements-soc-meeting-15-june-2022>).

АЛТК отырысында жарияланғандай, мүше мемлекеттер қоса беріліп отырған жоба бойынша өз ескертулерін 2022 жылғы 30 маусымға дейін Хатшылыққа жібере алады. Жоба 2022 жылғы 21 шілдеде, бейсенбі күні, өтетін Арнаулы жұмыс тобы онлайн-отырысының күн тәртібіне енгізіледі.

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

Нұр-Сұлтан қаласы, 2022 жылғы 18 маусым

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



Chairmanship of Kazakhstan

DRAFT NUR-SULTAN CHARTER

Towards a New Asia in the New World

We, the Heads of State or Government of the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA),

Having met in Nur-Sultan at the 30th anniversary of the CICA process in the context of its role for promoting peace, security, stability and prosperity in Asia, to reaffirm our shared principles and common goals and set directions for future development of our forum for the benefit of our peoples;

Recognizing that Asia, as the largest and most dynamic region in the world and an important driving force in promoting global progress, should uphold independence, solidarity and cooperation and pursue common goals and contributing to global peace and security;

Underscoring the need for strengthened peace and security in Asia amid the current environment, given the emerging threats and challenges to peace, security and sustainable development;

Emphasizing the indispensable role and high potential of CICA, as a forum for dialogue, consultations and consensus-based decision-making for promoting peace, security, stability and prosperity in Asia;

Supporting preserving and strengthening the values of multilateralism and international cooperation as the fundamental prerequisite for promoting the CICA process;

Acknowledging that our forum successfully serves as an effective multilateral mechanism for political dialogue, interaction, confidence building and cooperation with a mature and permanently functioning institutional structure;

Expressing appreciation of the personal role of the CICA Founder, First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev, who initiated CICA thirty years ago and made a significant contribution to the development of the CICA process and common efforts for peace, security and cooperation in Asia;

HAVE AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING:

I. Reaffirming Our Values, Principles and Objectives

1. We remain committed to our common values, principles and objectives enshrined in the Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States of 14 September 1999 and the Almaty Act of 4 June 2002 and all subsequent CICA documents, and to carrying forward the common values of peace, development, fairness, justice, democracy and freedom for all mankind.

2. We recognize the central role of the United Nations as a universal multilateral organization and reaffirm our commitment to the UN Charter, its principles and purposes, and to universally recognized norms and principles of the international law, resolutely uphold the authority and status of the UN, and respect the rights of sovereign states to choose their own development path.

3. We reaffirm the main objective and thrust of CICA to enhance cooperation through elaborating multilateral approaches towards promoting peace, security and stability in Asia and the Member States' commitment to take the necessary steps to develop CICA as a forum for dialogue, consultations and adoption of decisions and measures on the basis of consensus on security issues in Asia.

4. We emphasize that our cooperation will continue to be based on the following fundamental principles:

- respect for sovereign equality and the rights inherent in sovereignty;
- respect for territorial integrity of the Member States;
- refraining from the threat or use of force against the sovereignty, territorial integrity or political independence of the states;

- non-interference in internal affairs of the Member States;
- peaceful settlement of disputes;
- disarmament and arms control;
- economic, social and cultural cooperation; and
- respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

5. We recognize that our security is common, comprehensive, cooperative, sustainable, indivisible and equal, and that the challenges in our region are complex and interrelated and require stronger cooperation, joint actions and coordinated responses from the Member States.

6. We will continue full, equal and comprehensive implementation and observance of the principles, provisions and commitments enshrined in the Almaty Act. We reaffirm all CICA objectives contained in the Almaty Act and all subsequent CICA documents adopted by the Meetings of Heads of State or Government and the Meetings of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

II. Giving a New Impetus to Our Forum

1. We are determined to give a new political impetus to CICA, thus enabling it to play a bigger role in promoting common, comprehensive, cooperative, sustainable, indivisible and equal security in its region and to contribute to building a stronger and more secure and prosperous Asia.

2. We are resolved to further consolidate our unity, progress to a new level of interaction and cooperation within CICA, strengthen the international standing and capacity of our organization, and thereby enhance the role of our Member States and the entire Asia in the global security architecture.

3. We undertake to step up our efforts to further strengthen CICA as an organization, utilize its potential to the fullest and make it as effective as possible in order to develop and implement effective consensus-based multilateral approaches to cooperation, security and confidence building measures (CBMs) on the Asian continent.

4. To reflect this determination, the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia will henceforth be known as the Organization for Interaction and Cooperation in Asia (OICA). The change in name

from “CICA” to “the OICA” alters neither the shared values and fundamental principles of CICA nor its goals and objectives. All references to CICA will henceforth be considered as references to the OICA.

5. We hereby launch the structured negotiations process of gradual, incremental, inclusive, transparent and consensus-based transformation of the OICA into a full-fledged international organization through further institutionalization and strengthening the capacity of our organization, while building on what is achieved by CICA so far.

III. Defining Our Future Vision

1. The CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures will continue to be our core instrument for guiding practical implementation of specific CBMs in and across the five dimensions of cooperation within the OICA - the military-political, new threats and challenges, economic, environmental and human dimensions, on bilateral and/or multilateral basis.

2. In developing and carrying out our CBMs we will act in accordance with the principles of the UN Charter, international law and principles and objectives of the OICA, will take into account specific features and characteristics in various parts of Asia and proceed on a gradual and voluntary basis.

3. We reaffirm the current institutional structure of the OICA, with its major elements and minor adjustments outlined below.

(1) To recognize the permanent nature of the governing bodies of the OICA, the Meeting of Heads of State or Government (Summit) and the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Ministerial Meeting) shall henceforth be referred to, respectively, as the Council of Heads of State or Government (Summit) and the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Ministerial Council).

(2) The Summit, Ministerial Council and the Senior Officials Committee (SOC) shall remain the governing bodies of the OICA.

(3) The Summit and Ministerial Council will be convened by the OICA Chair biennially with a one-year interval between Summit and Ministerial Council meetings.

(4) The Member State holding Chairmanship in the OICA will be responsible for coordination, consultation and communication on current OICA activities between Summit meetings, for presiding over the work of the governing bodies and for external representation, and will be assisted by the Secretariat. The tenure of Chairmanship may be extended by the Member States for further two-year terms.

(5) To reflect the role of Executive Director as the Chief Administrative Officer of the OICA and head of its Secretariat, this position shall henceforth be referred to as Secretary General of the OICA, while preserving its functions.

(6) The Secretariat will remain the permanent executive body of the OICA and will continue functioning in accordance with the Almaty Act, the Nur-Sultan Charter, the Statute of the Secretariat and other mandates and tasks set by the Member States. The OICA Secretariat shall continue to enjoy such legal capacity as is necessary for the exercise of its functions in the territory of each Party to the 2010 CICA Convention on Privileges and Immunities.

(7) Current institutions of the OICA - the Council of Eminent Persons, Business Council, Youth Council and Think Tank Forum - will continue functioning as advisory bodies, in accordance with the mandates set by the Member States. We have established an OICA Fund as a mechanism for voluntary funding of OICA project activities.

4. We task the Secretariat with submitting to the Member States, through the Chairmanship, proposals for amendments to the relevant CICA documents, as appropriate, in order to align them with the newly introduced terms and, where necessary, to reflect current practices and experience gained.

5. The transformation process of the OICA will be carried out through structured discussions by the Member States, who will determine, when and as appropriate, further directions, specific elements, medium- and long-term goals and timelines of the transformation process, including but not limited to the following:

(1) Further updating and enriching the Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures and improving the modalities of CBM implementation, including

the role and tenure of Coordinators and Co-coordinators;

- (2) Budget reform of the organization, including establishing mandatory budgetary funding and a scale of assessed contributions;
- (3) Further strengthening the role of the Secretary General and capacity of the Secretariat;
- (4) Human resources management reform, including expanding geographical representation in the Secretariat workforce;
- (5) Development of OICA operational activities, including creation of a project management and funding framework;
- (6) Further improvement of *modi operandi* of governing bodies, other bodies and meetings.