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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 has the honour to inform the following.

On 14 March 2024, the CICA Senior Officials Committee approved the Memorandum on the Establishment of the Partnership Network of Leading Universities of the CICA Member States (PNLU) for its adoption by the CICA Ministerial Council (MC) (Document No.MC/2024/DRAFT/1/Rev.1 as of 12 March 2024 enclosed).

It is expected that the Memorandum on the Establishment of the PNLU will be adopted at the Seventh CICA MC Meeting in Baku (Azerbaijan) on 11 November 2024. During the MC meeting, after the adoption of the Memorandum and establishment of the network, it is planned to hold an online inauguration of the PNLU with the participation of its potential members.

Considering the above, the Secretariat forwards the "Call for nominations" for the universities of the Member States wishing to join the PNLU.

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

Astana, 5 June 2024

**MEMBER STATES
OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION
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Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и имеет честь сообщить следующее.

14 марта 2024 года Комитет старших должностных лиц СВМДА одобрил Меморандум о создании Партнерской сети ведущих университетов государств-членов СВМДА (ПСВУ) для принятия Советом министров иностранных дел СВМДА (СМИД) (документ №МС/2024/DRAFT/1/Rev.1 от 12.03.2024 прилагается).

Ожидается, что Меморандум о создании ПСВУ будет принят на седьмом заседании СМИД в г.Баку (Азербайджан) 11 ноября 2024 года. В ходе заседания СМИД, сразу после принятия Меморандума и создания сети, планируется проведение онлайн-инаугурации ПСВУ с участием ее потенциальных членов.

Учитывая изложенное, Секретариат направляет «Call for nominations» для университетов государств-членов, желающих присоединиться к ПСВУ.

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

город Астана, 5 июня 2024 г.



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

Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (АӨСШК немесе Азия Кеңесі) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттерге өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіре отырып, келесі жайды хабарлауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

2024 жылғы 14 наурызда Азия Кеңесінің Аға лауазымды тұлғалар комитеті АӨСШК Сыртқы істер министрлері кеңесінің (СІМК) қабылдауы үшін Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттер жетекші университеттерінің серіктестік желісін (Желі) құру жөніндегі меморандумды мақұлдады (2024 жылғы 12 наурыздағы №МС/2024/DRAFT/1/Rev.1 құжат қоса беріледі).

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Желіні құру туралы меморандум 2024 жылғы 11 қарашада Баку қаласында (Әзербайжан) СІМК-нің жетінші отырысында қабылданады деп күтілуде. СІМК отырысы барысында Меморандум қабылданғаннан және Желі құрылғаннан кейін Желінің әлеуетті мүшелерінің қатысуымен онлайн форматта оның іске қосудың салтанатты рәсімін өткізу жоспарлануда.

Жоғарыда айтылғандарды ескере отырып, Хатшылық Желіге қосылғысы келетін мүше мемлекеттердің университеттері үшін «Call for nominations» құжатын жолдайды.

Хатшылық осы мүмкіндікті пайдалана отырып, Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттерге өзінің зор ілтипатын тағы да растайды.

Астана қаласы, 2024 жылғы 5 маусым

**АЗИЯДАҒЫ ӨЗАРА ІС-ҚИМЫЛ ЖӘНЕ
СЕНІМ ШАРАЛАРЫ КЕҢЕСІНЕ
МҮШЕ МЕМЛЕКЕТТЕР**

Call for nominations

The initiative to establish the Partnership Network of Leading Universities of the CICA Member States was put forward at the Sixth CICA Summit by President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev in October 2022.

The draft Memorandum on the Establishment of the PNLU, developed by the Chairmanship of Kazakhstan, was discussed by the Member States in 2023-2024. On 14 March 2024, the CICA Senior Officials Committee approved the Memorandum for its adoption by the CICA Ministerial Council (MC) (Document MC/2024/DRAFT/1/Rev.1 of 12 March 2024 is enclosed). The Chairmanship will submit this document for adoption at the Seventh CICA MC Meeting in Baku (Azerbaijan) on 11 November 2024.

After the adoption of the Memorandum, an online inauguration event to launch the PNLU is planned to be held at the MC meeting, with the participation of the heads of universities planning to join the PNLU.

Formally, the PNLU will be established by the adoption of the Memorandum at the MC meeting. To facilitate the operational launch of the PNLU and invite the heads of universities, intending to join the PNLU, to the online inauguration event, we propose that the CICA Member States nominate universities to the PNLU in advance. In this connection, we kindly ask you to inform the CICA Secretariat by 15 July 2024 by sending a note through diplomatic channels, indicating the name of the university, its head and contact details of the contact person.

Invitations to university presidents to participate in the online inauguration event will be issued once the list of nominated universities is formed. Following the adoption of the Memorandum, the PNLU will remain open for accession throughout the period of the Memorandum's validity.

5 июня 2024 г.

Call for nominations

Инициатива о создании Партнерской сети ведущих университетов (ПСВУ) государств-членов СВМДА была выдвинута в октябре 2022 года на шестом Саммите СВМДА Президентом Казахстана К.К. Токаевым.

Разработанный Председательством Казахстана проект Меморандума о создании ПСВУ обсуждался государствами-членами в 2023-2024 годах. 14 марта 2024 года Меморандум был одобрен Комитетом старших должностных лиц СВМДА для принятия Советом министров иностранных дел СВМДА (СМИД) (документ МС/2024/DRAFT/1/Rev.1 от 12 марта 2024 года прилагается). Председательство представит этот документ на утверждение на седьмом заседании СМИД в Баку (Азербайджан) 11 ноября 2024 года.

Сразу после утверждения Меморандума в рамках СМИД планируется провести онлайн инаугурационное мероприятие для запуска ПСВУ с участием ректоров университетов, планирующих присоединиться к сети.

Формально ПСВУ будет создана принятием Меморандума на СМИД. В целях скорейшего операционного запуска ПСВУ и для приглашения на онлайн-инаугурацию ректоров университетов, намеревающихся вступить в ПСВУ, предлагаем государствам-членам СВМДА заблаговременно номинировать университеты в состав ПСВУ. В этой связи просим проинформировать Секретариат СВМДА до 15 июля 2024 года путем направления ноты по дипломатическим каналам с указанием наименования университета, первого руководителя и контактных данных ответственного лица.

Приглашения ректорам университетов для участия в онлайн инаугурационном мероприятии будут направлены после формирования списка номинированных университетов. После принятия Меморандума ПСВУ будет постоянно открыта для присоединения в период действия Меморандума.



Chairmanship of Kazakhstan

**MEMORANDUM OF ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE PARTNERSHIP NETWORK OF LEADING UNIVERSITIES OF THE
MEMBER STATES OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION AND
CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES IN ASIA**

We, the representatives of higher education organizations of the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA),

- *aiming* at strengthening partnership between higher education systems, universities and academic communities of the CICA Member States,
- *recognizing* the strategic importance of cooperation in the field of higher education, research and cultural exchange,

have decided to join a CICA partnership network and have come to an understanding on the following:

1.

The CICA Partnership Network of Leading Universities (PNLU) consists of leading universities of CICA Member States participating on a voluntary basis.

This Memorandum of Establishment referred as MoE hereinafter sets the objectives, areas and forms of cooperation of the universities of CICA Member States, which have joined the PNLU.

The education institutions which have joined to this MoE will be referred as Members of the PNLU.

This MoE is open to accession for higher education institutions of all CICA Member States. Joining is carried out by written notification to the CICA Secretariat through diplomatic channels.

The PNLU Members will act on the basis of the legislation of the CICA Member States.

This MoE is not a treaty within the meaning of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties of May 23, 1969 and does not create benefits and commitments for the CICA Member States regulated by international law.

2.

The activities of the PNLU are based on the principles of pursuing common objectives and interests of its Members, openness, equality and trust, independence and autonomy, practical focus on development of education systems, close interaction with research centers, and flexibility in choosing forms and mechanisms of cooperation.

3.

The areas of cooperation within the PNLU are based on the CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures and other relevant areas decided in writing among the PNLU Members on the basis of consensus.

4.

The objectives of the PNLU are:

- expansion of cooperation of the CICA Member States in the human dimension towards strengthening peace, security, stability and prosperity in Asia;
- encouraging exchange among the PNLU Members, to promote scientific cooperation and academic exchange of students and faculty members;
- development of regional academic mobility of students, faculty members, scientists in the CICA region;
- introduction and implementation of scholarship programmes within the framework of joint educational programmes;
- organization and implementation of joint scientific, research and educational activities, events, programmes and projects.

5.

Structure and forms of cooperation include, but are not limited to:

- implementation of joint educational programmes, academic mobility, research projects and exchange programmes for teaching staff and students of PNLU Members;
- short-term training (full-time training for a period from 2 weeks to 1 semester, internships, advanced training courses, guest lectures by faculty members, experts and scientists);
- long-term training (full-time master's degree training within the "1+1" scheme: 1 year/semester at a local university, 1 year/semester at a partner university; joint thesis defense; issuance of two diplomas according to national laws of the Member States);
- joint events (conferences, scientific and research projects, symposia, workshops, etc.);
- discussion on harmonization of mechanisms for recognition and equivalence of educational documents among Members of the CICA PNLU;
- conducting other activities under strategic priorities of the PNLU determined by its Members;
- preparation and publication of the annual report of the PNLU with conclusions and proposals for the relevant departments of the CICA Member States;
- each PNLU Member will strive to provide annually educational grants for students from CICA Member States.

6.

The PNLU activities will be governed by the Coordination Council composed of:

- a PNLU Member assigned by the CICA Chairmanship and approved by the CICA Senior Officials Committee as Chair of the Coordination Council for a two-year term;
- PNLU Members assigned by the CICA Member States coordinating and co-ordinating implementation of confidence building measures in the human dimension;
- a representative of the CICA Secretariat.

The PNLU Coordination Council will plan, coordinate and review PNLU activities and will annually report to the CICA Senior Officials Committee.

The PNLU Coordination Council will hold its meetings in conjunction with the Regular meeting of the PNLU Members or more often as necessary.

7.

Regular meetings of the PNLU Members will be held not less than once a year and convened by the Chair of the PNLU Coordination Council.

Additional meetings of the PNLU Members may be convened at the initiative of any PNLU Member in consultation with the PNLU Coordination Council.

Organizational costs associated with the holding of PNLU meetings will be borne by the initiator and/or host of the meeting, international travel expenses of meeting participants will be borne by the sending PNLU Members.

8.

The date of approval of this MoE by the CICA Ministerial Council will be considered as the date of the establishment of the PNLU and opening it for accession of higher education institutions of the CICA Member States.

Any Member may discontinue its membership in the PNLU by a written notification to the CICA Secretariat through diplomatic channels. Unilateral discontinuation of the application of this MoE will be without prejudice to the completion of that Member's ongoing activities under this MoE, unless otherwise decided in writing with other PNLU Members participating in these activities.