Statement by H.E Mr.Hamzeh Al Omari Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Republic of Kazakhstan at the Seventh CICA Ministerial Council Meeting 17 December 2024

Mr. Chairman,

Your Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me to congratulate the outgoing Kazakhstan CICA Chairmanship for its relentless efforts to enhance the activities and develop the goals of CICA, I also take this opportunity to express my best wishes of success for the Azerbaijan CICA Chairmanship. Special thanks also go to the CICA Secretariat and Secretary General for their important efforts to elevate CICA's modalities and goals into new higher levels.

Since becoming a member in 2008, Jordan has been working relentlessly with member states to advance the goals of CICA. Jordan has also coordinated and collaborated with members to enhance the effectiveness of the CICA efforts for the mutual benefits of all member states.

I would like to also grasp this opportunity to reaffirm Jordan's supportive stance toward CICA and its goals. Jordan is committed to CICA's continuing efforts to build confidence measures among member states, particularly in the current precarious regional and international geopolitical situation which is freighted with many uncertainties.

Here, we cannot forget the suffering of the Palestinians who have been under a continuous Israeli attack for more than a year, that killed and injured more than one hundred and fifty thousand Palestinian civilians in the Gaza strip; which is still under unabated Israeli military attacks, bombardment killing and destruction. Israel needs to immediately stop its military attacks on Palestinians in order to spare them more death, injury, starvation, destruction and unbearable suffering. At the same time, Jordan condemns the Israeli military encroachment on the Syrian national territories, taking advantage of

the delicate current situation in Syria. Such deeds are in contradictory of the essence of United Nations' Charter and Security Council Resolutions as well as CICA's goals aimed at building security and confidence among its member states.

Your Excellencies,

Jordan has already announced its support for the initiative to transform CICA into a full-fledged organization.

I am also pleased to announce that Jordan has already submitted its ratification of the CICA's Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Secretariat and its member states. This step demonstrates Jordan's commitment to supporting CICA's dynamic framework of evolving activities and goals; wishing to witness more significant political, economic and humanitarian outcomes of mutual benefits for all member states.

I am sure this Seventh Ministerial Council Meeting will form an important milestone with regard to the future of CICA and its role in further enhancing mutual confidence, security, interaction, and cooperation among member states.

I again extend my best wishes to CICA, its Chairmanship, and its Secretariat for more success in their future endeavors.

Thank you