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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 of the following.

The Republic of Turkey, in its capacity as Coordinator in the priority area of *New Challenges and Threats (general)*, presented the draft Concept Paper and the associated Action Plan for the aforementioned area of cooperation.

*Enclosure:
as stated, on 4 p.*

The Secretariat would appreciate receiving comments and proposals on the drafts of the documents by 25 April 2022.

In the absence of any comments, the draft Concept Paper and Action Plan will be submitted for consideration to the CICA Special Working Group.

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

Nur-Sultan, 28 March 2022



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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.

Турецкая Республика, которая является координатором в приоритетной сфере «Новые вызовы и угрозы (общие)», представила проект концепции и соответствующий план действий для вышеупомянутой области сотрудничества.

Секретариат был бы признателен за получение комментариев и предложений к вышеуказанным проектам документов до 25 апреля 2022 года.

В случае отсутствия каких-либо комментариев, проекты концепции и плана действий будут представлены на рассмотрение Специальной рабочей группы СВМДА.

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

город Нур-Султан, 28 марта 2022 г.



**ГОСУДАРСТВА-ЧЛЕНЫ
СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ И
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Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (АӨСШК) Хатшылығы АӨСШК мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіре отырып, келесіні хабарлауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

Түркия Республикасы «Жаңа сын-қатерлер мен қауіптер (жалпы)» басым саласының үйлестірушісі ретінде жоғарыда аталған ынтымақтастық саласы бойынша тұжырымдама жобасын және тиісті іс-қимыл жоспарын ұсынды.

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Нұр-Сұлтан қаласы, 2022 жылғы 28 наурыз

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

DRAFT CONCEPT PAPER¹
on implementation of the CICA Confidence Building Measures
in the priority area of New Challenges and Threats (general)

Background

The present Concept Paper is aimed at promoting cooperation among CICA Member States in the priority area of New Challenges and Threats (general) and has been prepared on the basis of the updated *CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures* (CBMs), adopted by the CICA Ministerial Meeting in October 2021, as well as the other basic CICA documents.

The **Republic of Türkiye** volunteered to be the coordinating country for the CBMs under the New Challenges and Threats area.

This Concept Paper envisages elaboration and implementation of the Action Plan for Cooperation among CICA Member States in the New Challenges and Threats and the realization of the CICA CBMs.

The Concept Paper includes: (I) Priority directions; (II) Goals; (III) Principles; (IV) Approach; and the Annex entitled Action Plan to Implement Cooperative Measures in the Priority Area of New Challenges and Threats (general).

I. Priority directions

Within confidence building measures in the priority area of New Challenges and Threats (general), the following directions and mechanisms of cooperation will constitute priorities:

1. Combating transnational organized crime, including trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants, money laundering and illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects.
2. Fighting economic crimes.
3. Sharing information and best practices in the area of non- proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery.

II. Goals

The main goals of the Concept Paper on cooperation among the CICA Member

¹ Concept paper would be considered during SWG and if agreed, be submitted to SOC for further approval.

States in the priority area of New Challenges and Threats (general) are:

1. Exchange of information on the measures taken by the Member States in combating transnational organized crime, including trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants, money laundering and illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects.
2. Promoting law enforcement cooperation and exchange of information on legal, judicial and criminal matters.
3. Exchanging information, assisting in establishing and strengthening cooperation and contacts between relevant authorities of the Member States in the area of fighting the economic crimes.
4. Sharing information in order to deal effectively with proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery.

III. Principles

1. All decisions concerning the implementation of the CICA Catalogue of CBMs in the priority area of New Challenges and Threats (general) are to be taken through consultations and by consensus.
2. While taking decisions in this area, the CICA Member States shall be governed by their respective national legislations and relevant rules of international law.
3. The participation of the Member States in the specific events within the Action Plan shall be on voluntarily basis.
4. On the basis of mutual interest in the area of New Challenges and Threats (general), the CICA Member States shall make their contributions to the implementation of CBMs, by voluntary choice of the venue, form, terms and modalities of implementation.
5. In implementation of information exchange, the CICA Member States shall follow the principles of transparency of information, taking into account restrictions, foreseen by their national legislation in respective areas.

IV. Approach

Movement towards these goals/tasks and objectives will be on gradual and step-by-step basis in accordance with the national laws and regulations, considering specifics and peculiarities of various regions of Asia.

ACTION PLAN
on implementation of the CICA Confidence Building Measures
in the priority area of New Challenges and Threats (general)

The activities identified hereby reflects the decisions taken at the CICA Ministerial Meeting held in Nur-Sultan on 21-22 October 2021 regarding the CICA Catalogue. New CBMs introduced in the priority area of New Challenges and Threats (general) into the Action Plan shall be subject to the approval by the Member States.

The implementation of the activities outlined in this Action Plan will be reviewed every year by Special Working Group and Senior Officials Committee.

i. Border Control and Management

Convening a CICA meeting of national experts on border control and management with the participation of representatives from appropriate international bodies agreed upon by Member States.

Further steps to be taken and approved by Member States:

1. Establishment of a CICA focal points network;
2. Organizing training seminars, upon request, on border control and management issues as well as travel document forgery;
3. Raising awareness on trafficking issues;
4. Applicability of Member States' experience in establishing Centres of Excellence within CICA framework;
5. Modalities for voluntary information exchange among originating, transit and destination countries subject to trafficking;
6. Modalities for developing cooperation in border control and management;

ii. Law Enforcement

Convening a CICA Chiefs of Police meeting. Further steps to be taken under consideration:

1. Establishment of a calendar for twice yearly seminars on law enforcement related issues;
2. Defining needs assessment and institutional capacity with regard to “training of the trainers” programs;
3. Modalities for timely sharing of information through the Interpol database on lost and stolen documents.
4. Establishment of CICA focal points network.

iii. Fighting Economic Crimes

Establishing a CICA focal points network among relevant authorities of the Member States in order to ease exchange of information and assist in establishing and strengthening cooperation and contacts.

iv. Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

Awareness raising among Member States through sharing information and best practices.