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on 15 p.*

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 forward herewith the documents adopted by the Seventh CICA Summit on 15 October 2026.

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

Astana, 15 October 2026



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город Астана, 15 октября 2026 г.



**ГОСУДАРСТВА-ЧЛЕНЫ
СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ
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Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (Азия Кеңесінің) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттерге өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіре отырып, 2026 жылғы 15 қазанда өткен Азия Кеңесінің жетінші Саммитінде қабылданған құжаттарды жолдауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

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

Астана қаласы, 2026 жылғы 15 қазан

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



**DECISION OF THE CICA SUMMIT
on accession of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to CICA as
a Member State**

The CICA Summit,

- Appreciating the intention of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to join CICA and readiness to abide by the principles and decisions adopted or signed within the CICA framework,
- Referring to the recommendation by the Senior Officials Committee adopted through the silence procedure on 5 October 2026,

Decides:

To welcome the Lao People's Democratic Republic as a CICA Member State.



Seventh Meeting of the CICA Summit

Baku, 15 October 2026

Baku Declaration of the Seventh CICA Summit

We, the Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), having met under the Chairmanship of the Republic of Azerbaijan at the Seventh CICA Summit meeting on 15 October 2026 in Baku, Azerbaijan,

Reaffirming our commitment to the Charter of the United Nations and the universally recognized norms and principles of international law upholding the objectives and principles of CICA enshrined in the Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations among the CICA Member States of 14 September 1999 and the Almaty Act of 4 June 2002, which, among other documents adopted by the CICA governing bodies, have laid down a firm foundation for the CICA process,

Emphasizing that our cooperation in CICA is aimed at promoting peace, security, stability and development in the region on the basis of the principles of voluntary implementation of confidence building measures (CBMs), equal partnership, mutual trust, mutual benefit, dialogue and consultation, consensus in decision-making, respect for national economic and social development and cultural diversity and taking into account specific features and characteristics of various parts of our region,

Noting with satisfaction the role and contribution of CICA, as a forum for dialogue, consultations and consensus-based decision-making on a broad spectrum of practical issues for building a sustainable environment conducive to peace, security and prosperity throughout the region and thereby contributing to the global efforts for maintaining international stability,

Acknowledging that the global security landscape is undergoing profound transformation accompanied by continuing challenges faced by the international community, and *remaining concerned* about the increasing and diverse threats to international peace and security leading to erosion of trust and multilateralism,

Recognizing the central role of the United Nations as the universal multilateral organization and its unique contribution to the rule of law in international relations,

Emphasizing the importance of common, comprehensive, cooperative, sustainable, indivisible and equal security based on the common understanding that has been reached so far, while taking into account the individuality and diversity of positions of some Member States,

Recognizing the need for stronger cooperation among our Member States in the conditions of growing multipolarity to effectively respond to challenges and threats, and seize opportunities for promoting peace, security, stability and sustainable development based on our shared principles and common goals and expand opportunity for sovereign nations to enjoy mutually beneficial and equal cooperation,

Underscoring that evolving and complex international environment requires multilateralism and enhanced cooperation that makes CICA ever more relevant as a unique pan-Asian platform of interaction and confidence-building, facilitating the search for collective solutions to common challenges and promoting mutually beneficial cooperation,

Reaffirming also our determination to enhance joint efforts aimed at strengthening mutual understanding and confidence among CICA Member States,

Welcoming, in this respect, the progress under the Chairmanship of the Republic of Azerbaijan based on the theme of “*Stronger CICA: Connectivity, Digitalization and Sustainable Growth in Asia*”,

DECLARE THE FOLLOWING:

1. *Reaffirm* the role of CICA as an important platform for promoting open dialogue, contributing to confidence-building among Member States and enhancing multilateral cooperation in Asia based on consensus-based decision-making;
2. *Express* our readiness to actively contribute towards the advancement of multilateralism by promoting a representative, fair, and sustainable multilateral model of international relations, to deepen confidence building measures, consultations, joint efforts, and shared benefits in CICA region;
3. *Reiterate* that peace, security and development are interlinked and mutually reinforcing;
4. *Reaffirm* our resolve to implementing confidence building measures in military-political, new challenges and threats, economic, environmental, human dimensions as reflected in the CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures in a practical, action-oriented manner, delivering tangible benefits to Member States and their people, and welcome work of the coordinating and co-coordinating countries to promote cooperation in different dimensions of Confidence Building Measures;
5. *Highlight* the efforts of the Chairmanship of the Republic of Azerbaijan for promoting result-oriented and assessment-based implementation of the CBMs to encourage impactful interaction within the CICA, along with prioritizing the strengthening of its institutional capacity and exploring new ways to deepen cooperation;
6. *Commend* the strides reached under the Chairmanship of Azerbaijan for the institutional development of CICA as reflected in the establishment of the CICA Women Council and CICA Finance Summit, as well as operationalization of the Partnership Network of Leading Universities (PNLU);
7. *Welcome* advancements in the process of transformation of CICA and elaboration of the draft Charter, in accordance with the Astana Statement on CICA Transformation of 13 October 2022;

8. *Reaffirm* our commitment to multilateralism, with the United Nations at its centre, as the universal multilateral organization entrusted with the purposes of maintaining international peace and security, developing friendly relations among nations, peaceful settlement of disputes, promoting sustainable development, and fostering international cooperation in addressing global challenges related to economic, social, cultural and humanitarian issues, as well as in the promotion and protection of human rights;
9. *Recognize* that partnerships and synergy between CICA and other regional and international organizations and forums are increasingly vital to effectively address common challenges through reducing duplication and leveraging of shared expertise and resources and *encourage* to continue strengthening of institutional level relationships with other organizations and forums;
10. *Reaffirm* our intention for strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and CICA with an aim to contribute to a secure and prosperous CICA region, as confirmed at “the CICA Ministerial Council Statement on the 80th Anniversary of the United Nations”;
11. *Reiterate* that sustainable development cannot be realized without peace and security and in this respect underscore importance of continuing interaction among Member States within military-political dimension to ensure lasting stability and strengthen mutual confidence, while taking into account each other’s legitimate security interests;
12. *Lament* increased tensions and use of force leading to insecurity in the region and beyond, and *express* serious concern over humanitarian consequences of armed conflicts, including the loss of civilian lives and damage to civilian infrastructure;
13. *Express* the willingness to uphold the vision of equality, mutual learning, and dialogue among civilizations, and facilitate people-to-people bonds, and *recognize*, in this respect, the significance of International Day for Dialogue among Civilizations declared through UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/78/286, *commend* the work of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations in promoting tolerance, understanding and respect among cultures and religions;

14. *Recognize* that all cultures and civilizations can contribute to, and are crucial enablers of, sustainable development and *welcome* adoption of UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/80/308, proclaiming 2027-2036 as the International Decade of Culture for Sustainable Development;
15. *Highlight* the increased relevance of connectivity, digitalization and sustainable growth for all dimensions of confidence-building and attainment of peace, security and development across the CICA region;
16. *Recognize* that development and use of digital and emerging technologies, including information-communication technologies (ICTs) and artificial intelligence as a part of ICTs play a significant role as enablers of sustainable development and offer huge potential for progress, while their misuse carries serious challenges for security, development and human rights, and emphasize the increasing need for strengthened international cooperation with central role of the UN to maximize the benefits and address associated challenges, including through bridging digital divides between and within countries, with specific consideration of the needs of developing countries;
17. *Remain* committed to a universal, non-discriminatory, open, fair, inclusive, equitable and transparent multilateral trading system, underscoring the importance of the multilateral trading system contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, and reiterating that States are strongly urged to refrain from promulgating and applying unilateral economic measures not in accordance with international law and the Charter of the United Nations that impede the full achievement of economic and social development, particularly in developing countries;
18. *Reiterate* the importance of regional connectivity in all its modes, including highway, railroads, aviation and maritime, and their safety and security, especially integrated, competitive, safe and secure transport and logistics systems and digitalization of transportation, with respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Member States and due regard to specificities of each case and specific needs of states, including landlocked Member States, for achieving more efficient use of trade opportunities and resilient supply chains among the Member States, and thus, serving the goal of sustainable economic development and in this respect, *welcome* the

holding of the first ever Conference of Heads of Ports of CICA Member States held in Baku on 9–10 September 2026;

19. *Acknowledge* the importance of strengthening energy security in the CICA region in support of sustainable development, regional connectivity and long-term regional resilience through diversification of energy resources and efficient use of all fuels and advanced technologies, enhanced connectivity, resilient value and supply chains, just and orderly energy transitions, promotion of open, transparent, inclusive and competitive markets, protection and strengthening resilience of critical cross-border energy infrastructure, maintaining secure and open sea lanes in order to minimize disruptions to regional and global energy trade flows. In this respect *further acknowledge* the right of all Member States to develop and use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes;
20. *Recognize* that sustainable growth is and will be significantly influenced by the global and local environmental conditions, including with respect to countries with specific vulnerabilities and circumstances, such as mountainous and land-locked countries, which necessitates closer collaboration among states in addressing shared environmental challenges in accordance with the principle of Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC), where applicable, and making effective use of CICA's environmental dimension to facilitate dialogue, exchange of experiences and practical cooperation among Member States;
21. *Acknowledge* the critical role of small and medium-sized enterprises' (SMEs) as engines of economic growth, as well as social development, employment generation, poverty reduction, and stimulation of entrepreneurship and innovation, and *welcome* the priority given to enhancing SME competitiveness, women's entrepreneurship, and fostering digitalization and low-emission development transition in the CICA region through the Plenary Sessions of the CICA Business Council meeting and Business Forum held in Baku, on 20 May 2025;
22. *Underscore* that building trust, fostering dialogue and partnerships in the area of finance is of key importance for stimulating sustainable, innovative and inclusive development within CICA, and *express* resolve to further

instrumentalize the CICA Finance Summit to these ends following its inaugural meeting held in Astana, Kazakhstan on 8 September 2026;

23. *Note* the role of tourism as a driver for economic, social, cultural and educational development, as well as for fostering international understanding, peace, and prosperity, and *emphasize* the need to promote smart, sustainable and resilient tourism and develop digital database system, and in this regard, *welcome* the successful conduct of the project on “Circular Green Tourism in the CICA Countries” for the years of 2025-2026, by the Chairmanship, and further encourage the Member States to explore opportunities to strengthen tourism cooperation within the CICA region;
24. *Recognize* that sustainable and long-lasting growth can only be achieved through meaningful engagement of all relevant stakeholders, including women, youth, academia, think tanks, the private sector, whose expertise and perspective contribute to inclusive and resilient economic and social development;
25. *Acknowledge* the importance of enhancing women’s roles and participation in social, economic and cultural life recognizing Beijing Declaration and Programme of Action of 1995 and further confirmed through Global Leaders’ Meeting on Woman held in Beijing on 13-14 October 2025, and in this respect, *emphasize* necessity of coordination, dialogue and experience sharing among Member States to promote equal opportunities, strengthen women’s leadership and foster inclusive and resilient societies where the rights, dignity, and potential of all women and girls are fully realized, and *welcome* the convening of the inaugural meeting of the CICA Women Council and Conference on “Amplifying women’s voices across CICA for Sustainable Growth”, in Baku, on 14 April 2026;
26. *Stress* the increasing significance of youth-focus in advancing sustainable development through prioritizing their engagement as a key element in strengthening people-to-people contacts, cultural dialogue and deepening of mutual understanding within the CICA region, and in this respect, *welcome* the recommendations of the 8th and 9th sessions of the CICA Youth Council held in Baku on 12 November 2025 and 26 June 2026, respectively;

27. *Underscore* the importance of cooperation in education and science, technology, innovation, ICTs, including artificial intelligence, capacity-building and human resource development as key enablers of sustainable development, inclusive economic growth, digital transformation and regional resilience and *highlight* the potential of PNLU to expand cooperation among academic institutions across Member States, and *appreciate* the activities taken within PNLU, including of its first ever Conference on “The role of universities in green energy and sustainability” on 2-3 December 2025, in Baku, by the Chair of its Coordination Council, the ADA University of Azerbaijan;
28. *Acknowledge* exploratory role of CICA Skills Competition in promoting people-to-people exchange and vocational-technical cooperation, and *encourage* Member States to continue their exchange and cooperation in the field of professional skills;
29. *Recognize* the CICA Think Tank Forum’s continued role in fostering collaboration and interaction among think tanks and research institutions of the Member States, contributing to informed dialogue and development of cooperative approaches to regional challenges, and *welcome* the 13th Think Tank Forum held in Azerbaijan, on 9-10 September 2025;
30. *Acknowledge* that building trust and confidence in the digital age also requires the supporting role of media that advance reliable information and mindful use of digital technologies and thus, *welcome* the organization of the first CICA Media Forum on “Building Trust through Media in a Polarized World”, in Baku, on 1 October 2026, for strengthening collaboration between national media agencies to foster a shared commitment to the promotion of the CICA’s vision. *Further enhance* joint efforts to combat misinformation and disinformation, and promote Media and Information Literacy (MIL) among citizens;
31. *Reaffirm* the potential of the Council of Eminent Persons as an advisory body established to develop and provide recommendations on a broad range of issues related to interaction and development within the framework of CICA, including on promotion of confidence-building and identifying future directions and priorities for collaboration;

32. *Appreciate* activities undertaken by the CICA Secretariat in fulfillment of its mandate, entrusted by the Member States for promotion and advancement of the purposes of CICA through practical and result-oriented cooperation and *welcome* voluntary contributions of Member States to the budget and seconded staff of the Secretariat in support of its work;
33. *Express* gratitude to Ambassador Kairat Sarybay for his contributions as the CICA Secretary General since 2022, and *welcome* the appointment of Ambassador Sultan Hajiyeu as the new CICA Secretary General for the term of 2026-2030;
34. *Welcome* the ratification by Cambodia of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Secretariat, its Personnel and Representatives of Members of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia through which the requirement for the entry into force have been fulfilled as an important milestone towards the legal and institutional strengthening of CICA and its Secretariat for the benefit of all Members States, and therefore *encourage* those Member States which have not yet done so, to sign and ratify the Convention;
35. *Welcome* also the accession of the Lao People's Democratic Republic as a Member State to the CICA;
36. *Express* our deep appreciation to the Republic of Azerbaijan for hospitality and excellent organization of the Seventh CICA Summit and having welcomed its readiness to chair the CICA for 2026-2028, have taken the relevant decision.



**CICA Statement on Cooperation in
the Field of Occupational Safety and Health**

We, the Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), having met under the Chairmanship of the Republic of Azerbaijan at the Seventh CICA Summit meeting on 15 October 2026 in Baku, Azerbaijan,

Recognizing that occupational safety and health bears upon the safety of people's lives and property, the stability of nations and the region, as well as sustainable economic and social development,

Noting that the occupational safety and health governance capacity of Member States has been continuously enhanced, and that occupational safety and health cooperation has become an important area for promoting common development and mutually beneficial cooperation,

Recognizing that occupational safety and health across various sectors still faces multiple challenges and that it is necessary to strengthen all-around cooperation and an occupational safety and health assurance system covering the entire chain,

DECLARE THE FOLLOWING:

1. We are committed to putting people and lives first, deepening practical cooperation in the field of occupational safety and health, consistent with national laws, regulations and policies of Member States, so as to continue improving the occupational safety and health governance capacity of Member States.

2. We support further strengthening in-depth exchanges and practical cooperation among Member States in the field of occupational safety and health in key sectors, including construction, mining, hazardous chemicals, metallurgy, non-ferrous metals, and oil & gas extraction and transportation, and fostering positive interplay between safety and development.
3. We encourage Member States to cooperate in the fields of safety and application of technologies, including information-communication technologies and AI as a part of ICTs, in the field of occupational safety and health, and in accordance with practical conditions and legal framework of Member States and without prejudice to international agreements, to which they are parties to, including on data protection and security. Employers and regulators are encouraged to develop integrated platforms for risk monitoring and early warning, including environmental and air quality risk monitoring, in the field of occupational safety and health, and to implement the automation and intelligent transformation in high-risk sectors, so as to reduce workers' exposure to high-risk operations, lower safety risks, and enhance productivity.
4. We support, on the basis of respecting the existing occupational safety and health laws, regulations, standards and regulatory requirements of Member States, guided by the ISO 45001 framework and informed by the ILO's SCORE management experience, and taking into account the realities of Member States and international advanced experience, as appropriate and without prejudice to the national laws, international obligations and commitments of Member States, with a focus on occupational accidents and occupational disease prevention, promoting cooperation and exchanges in areas such as effective management of occupational risks, occupational safety and health training and education, employer management systems, emergency rescue technologies, industrial accident statistics and investigation methodologies, and fostering a preventive safety culture.
5. We recognize the importance of strengthening social dialogue and effective tripartite partnership among government authorities, employers' organizations and workers' representatives on occupational safety and health. We support the active participation of relevant stakeholders in the development, implementation and evaluation of preventive measures, as well as in the formulation, improvement and implementation of national policies in this area.

6. We support experience-sharing on modernizing occupational safety and health governance systems and capacity, promoting mutual learning in areas of shared interest, including laws, regulations, and technical standards, regulatory capacity building, and implementation of employer primary responsibility, as well as management of occupational risks, prevention of occupational accidents, diseases and protection of health of employees. We recognize the need to take into account the impact of climate change and environmental factors in the formulation and implementation of occupational safety and health policies. In this regard, we support the development of adaptation measures, preventive mechanisms and necessary actions aimed at protecting workers' health in a changing production and working environment.
7. We support organizing technical cooperation and experience-sharing, including technical competitions among CICA Member States, on voluntary basis in mine rescue and hazardous chemicals emergency response, with a view to strengthening emergency preparedness and prevention of occupational accidents.
8. We encourage exploration of establishment of a cooperation and exchange mechanism for occupational safety and health among CICA Member States and a professional exchange network platform, subject to regulations to be agreed by Member States.



**DECISION OF THE CICA SUMMIT
on the CICA Chairmanship for the period of 2026 – 2028**

The CICA Summit,

- Expressing deep appreciation to the Republic of Azerbaijan for its successful Chairmanship of CICA for the period of 2024 – 2026,
- Appreciating the readiness of the Republic of Azerbaijan to continue the Chairmanship of CICA for the next term,
- Referring to the recommendation by the Senior Officials Committee adopted through the silence procedure on 14 October 2026,

Decides that the Republic of Azerbaijan will be the CICA Chair in the years 2026 – 2028.



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Baku, 15 October 2026

**DECISION OF THE CICA SUMMIT
on the appointment of the CICA Secretary General**

The CICA Summit

Decides to appoint H.E. Ambassador Sultan Hajiyevev as Secretary General of CICA for four-year term effective of 1 November 2026.