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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, with reference to its Note No. NCT/G/778 of 16 June 2022, has the honour to forward herewith the updated draft Concept Paper and associated Action Plan (hereinafter referred to as the draft) prepared by the Republic of Türkiye as the Coordinator in the priority area of *New Challenges and Threats (general)* to implement CICA confidence building measures, taking into account the proposals previously made by CICA Member States (*enclosed*).

*Enclosure:  
as stated,  
on 4 p.*

Upon the request of the Republic of Türkiye, the enclosed draft is placed under the silence procedure for approval by the CICA Member States.

The Secretariat kindly requests that any possible comments and suggestions on the draft be submitted to the Secretariat no later than 11 January 2024. If no objections are made by the indicated date, the Concept Paper and Action Plan will be considered approved.

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

Astana, 13 December 2023



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Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и, ссылаясь на свою ноту №NCT/G/778 от 16 июня 2022 года, имеет честь препроводить обновленный проект Концепции и соответствующего Плана действий (далее – проект), подготовленный Турецкой Республикой в качестве координатора в приоритетной сфере «*Новые вызовы и угрозы (общие)*» по реализации мер доверия СВМДА с учетом ранее высказанных предложений государств – членов СВМДА (*прилагается*).

*Приложение:  
упомянутое,  
на 4 л.*

В соответствии с обращением Турецкой Республики прилагаемый проект выставляется на процедуру умолчания с целью его одобрения государствами – членами СВМДА.

Секретариат просит, в случае наличия замечаний и предложений по проекту, направить их в адрес Секретариата не позднее 11 января 2024 года. В случае отсутствия возражений до указанной даты Концепция и План действий будут считаться одобренными.

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

город Астана, 13 декабря 2023 г.



**ГОСУДАРСТВА-ЧЛЕНЫ  
СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ  
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Қосымша:  
аталған,  
4 п.

Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (Азия Кеңесінің) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттерге өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіреді және 2022 жылғы 16 маусымдағы № NCT/G/778 нотасына сілтеме жасай отырып, Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттердің бұрын жасаған ұсыныстарын ескере отырып (*қоса беріледі*), Азия Кеңесінің сенім шараларын жүзеге асыру бойынша «*Жаңа сын-тегеуріндер мен қауіп-қатерлер (жалпы)*» басым саласындағы үйлестіруші ретінде Түркия Республикасы әзірлеген жаңартылған тұжырымдама жобасы мен тиісті іс-қимыл жоспарын (бұдан әрі – жоба) жолдауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

Түркия Республикасының өтінішіне сәйкес қоса берілген жобаға қатысты Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттердің мақұлдауы мақсатында үнсіз келісім сақтау тәртібі іске қосылады.

Хатшылық жоба бойынша ықтимал түсініктемелер мен ұсыныстарды Хатшылыққа 2024 жылғы 11 қаңтардан кешіктірмей жіберуді сұрайды. Көрсетілген мерзімге дейін қарсылықтар түспеген жағдайда, тұжырымдама мен іс-қимыл жоспары мақұлданған болып есептеледі.

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

Астана қаласы, 2023 жылғы 13 желтоқсан

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

**DRAFT CONCEPT PAPER**  
**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

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 Astana 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 transnational organized crime, including trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants, money laundering and illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons;
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 transnational organized crime, including trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants, money laundering and illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons;
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. Preventing Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction**

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