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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 Note Verbale No. EN/P/140 of 5 February 2024, has the honour on behalf of the CICA Chairmanship to inform that the experts meeting of 19 February 2024 will be resumed on 5 March 2024 at 14:30 Astana time (GMT+5) to discuss the draft outcome document of the CICA Ministerial Conference on Environmental Issues.

*Enclosure:
as stated,
on 5 p.*

Please join the online experts meeting by following the link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88147200158?pwd=UmbAbXcnIb1weWdazPFafkC0zUSQe.1>

Meeting ID: 881 4720 0158

Passcode: 053566

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

Astana, 29 February 2024



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Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и, ссылаясь на ноту № EN/P/140 от 5 февраля 2024 года, от имени Председательства СВМДА имеет честь сообщить о продолжении встречи экспертов от 19 февраля 2024 года, которое состоится 5 марта 2024 года в 14:30 по времени г.Астаны (GMT+5) для обсуждения проекта итогового документа Министерской конференции СВМДА по проблемам экологии.

*Приложение:
упомянутое,
на 5 л*

Просьба подключиться к онлайн-встрече экспертов по следующей ссылке:

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город Астана, 29 февраля 2024 г.



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

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5 п.

Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (Азия Кеңесінің) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттерге өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіреді және 2024 жылғы 5 ақпандағы №EN/P/140 нотаға сілтеме жасай отырып, Азия Кеңесі Төрағалығының атынан 2024 жылғы 19 ақпанда басталған сарапшылар кездесуі 2024 жылғы 5 наурызда Астана қаласы уақыты бойынша сағат 14:30-да (GMT+5) Азия Кеңесінің Экология мәселелері жөніндегі министрлік конференциясының қорытынды құжатының жобасын талқылау үшін жалғасатынын хабарлауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

Сарапшылар онлайн-кездесуіне келесі сілтеме бойынша қосылуды сұраймыз:

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

Астана қаласы, 2024 жылғы 29 ақпан

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

HIGH-LEVEL STATEMENT OF THE CICA MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Astana, 28 August 2024

We, the Ministers responsible for environmental affairs and high-level representatives of the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), convened in Astana for the CICA Ministerial Conference on Environmental Issues on 28 August 2024, at the invitation of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

We thank President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev for his visionary initiative during the Sixth CICA Summit to hold this Conference.

Reaffirming our commitment to addressing the urgent environmental challenges facing the CICA region, we acknowledge the increasing impact of climate change and its potential implications.

Ensuring accelerated, orderly [, fairly] (+IRQ) and equitable transition towards low-emission and sustainable economies is extremely relevant to Asia.

Mindful of our common but differentiated responsibilities to preserve, protect and improve our environment for the present and future generations, we stress the importance of fostering cooperation and implementing effective measures to address pressing environmental issues such as climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution [including plastic] (-IRQ). Asia's diversity and rich potential in natural resources in a rapidly changing climate requires collaborative efforts to ensure the conservation of our natural resources and mitigation of environmental risks as well as adaptation to such risks.

Emphasizing cooperation in confronting climate disasters before and after they occur and delivering humanitarian and environmental aid to citizens of countries.

Encouraging CICA Member States to submit joint regional projects to confront the negative effects of climate change and nature loss and pollution. Holding conferences and seminars for CICA countries to enhance environmental cooperation.

We commit to supporting CICA Member States in achieving their environmental goals and to promoting sustainability in our nations.

Recognizing the vulnerability of many CICA Member States to climate change, we pledge joint action on the basis of equity and [in accordance with their] (-IRQ) common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities within the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Paris Agreement, to provide new financial sources in addition to adaptation and mitigation finance to developing countries to address loss and damage, emphasizing sustainable development.

[CICA Member States encourage developed countries to accelerate to provide new financial sources adaptation and mitigation finance to developing countries to address loss and damage and adaptation.] (+IRQ)

Acknowledging the comprehensive significance of a green economy in the context of Sustainable Development, we strongly commit to adopting measures to increase ecological awareness and cultivate ecological culture. Our goal is to exchange of knowledge, best practices and practical experiences on circular economy and enhance cooperation for sustainable development goals under the CICA platform.

We discuss the regional implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, emphasizing the critical importance of multilateral cooperation and knowledge exchange among CICA Member States.

[Acknowledging the importance of Jordan's Climate-Refugee Nexus initiative, announced during COP27, an initiative that will prioritize support for refugee-hosting countries disproportionately impacted by the climate crisis] (+JOR)

[Taking into consideration the key principles to address pollution within our region focused on three pillars: eliminate waste and pollution, circulate products and materials (at their highest value), and regenerate nature.] (+CAM)

[Emphasizing the critical nature of clean water, water conservation, climate resilience in the water sector, as well as marine and coastal ecosystem conservation, we commit to restoration of coastal ecosystem for coastal protection and livelihood generation and blue carbon inventory enhancing integrated and sustainable water [resource] (-CHN) [environment] (+CHN) management at all levels through extensive exchange of best practices.] (CHAIR, TCB)

[Strengthening cooperation in the field of adaptation, especially the agriculture, health, and water sectors, and cooperation should be encouraged to achieve water security, food security and good health for all countries.] (+IRQ)

DECIDED TO CHART THE FUTURE COURSE OF OUR COOPERATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. Acknowledging the vital need for permanent regional collaboration and consistent sharing of best practices, fostering regular meetings, and jointly formulating strategies, as appropriate, to tackle environmental challenges within the CICA framework, we believe it is rational to institutionalize cooperation between CICA Member States in the field of ecology and the

environment by creating a CICA advisory body, namely the CICA Environmental Council. This recommendation reflects our collective commitment to proactive and sustained efforts in addressing the pressing environmental issues facing our region.

2. In pursuit of sustainable environmental policy, we advocate the initiation of discussions and exchange of achievements, experiences of Carbon Market among CICA Member States. This will contribute to the efforts to reduce carbon emissions [from various sources including waste sectors] (+CAM) and promote economic instruments for sustainable development.
3. [Strengthen cooperation in the field of water especially management of trans boundary water and sustainable water management]. (+IRQ)
4. Understanding the gravity of climate change and its cross-cutting impact on our region, we affirm our commitment to engage in exchange of experiences, best practices and achievements to tackle climate change and [its impact] (+ISR) [adaptation] (+CHAIR) within the purview of UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement and in the context of Sustainable Development and poverty eradication. These actions will address the negative consequences of environmental factors and engage all relevant stakeholders in a collective effort to promote environmental awareness in the CICA region.
5. [Increased priority to capacity building in [management of joint natural resources, loss biodiversity,] (+IRQ) Marine and coastal Spatial Planning, understanding the hydrological connectivity of Marine and Coastal Ecosystems, restoration of coastal ecosystem for coastal protection and livelihood generation and blue carbon inventory.] (+IND) (CHAIR, TCB)
6. We commit to strengthening the exchange of experience on climate change, biodiversity loss, and air pollution control caused by industry, energy, and transport to improve the air quality, and enhance the quality of life and health.

In conclusion, we reiterate our commitment to **[[the principles of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Paris Agreement] (+EGY,TCB),] (-CHAIR)** the principles of CICA and our common but differentiated responsibilities to address environmental and climate challenges. This High-level statement serves as a testament to our collective determination to create a sustainable and resilient future for the CICA region.

Astana, 28 August 2024