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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 forward the recommendations of the Special Working Group (SWG) meeting of 25 June 2024 and

- The draft High-Level Statement of the CICA Ministerial Conference on Environmental Issues as amended by the SWG;
- The draft Annual Action Plan of the CICA Think Tank Forum for 2024 (SOC/2024/DRAFT/4/Rev.3 of 25 June 2024) as amended and recommended by the SWG for adoption by the Senior Officials Committee.

*Enclosure:
as stated,
on 7 p.*

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

Astana, 25 June 2024



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Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и имеет честь препроводить рекомендации заседания Специальной рабочей группы (СРГ), состоявшегося 25 июня 2024 года, и

- проект Заявления высокого уровня Министерской конференции СВМДА по проблемам экологии с поправками СРГ;
- проект Годового плана работы Форума аналитических центров СВМДА на 2024 год (SOC/2024/DRAFT/4/Rev.3 от 25 июня 2024 года) с поправками, рекомендованный СРГ для принятия Комитетом старших должностных лиц.

*Приложение:
упомянутое,
на 7 л.*

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

город Астана, 25 июня 2024 года



**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, 2024 жылғы 25 маусымда өткен Арнаулы жұмыс тобы (АЖТ) отырысының ұсынымдарын және

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- АЖТ түзеткен 2024 жылғы 28 тамызда өтетін Азия Кеңесінің Экология мәселелері жөніндегі министрлік конференциясы қорытынды құжатының жобасын;
- АЖТ түзеткен және Аға лауазымды тұлғалар комитетінің отырысында бекіту үшін ұсынған Азия Кеңесі Талдау орталықтары форумының 2024 жылға арналған жылдық жұмыс жоспарының жобасын (2024 жылғы 25 маусымдағы SOC/2024/DRAFT/4/Rev.3) жолдауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

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

Астана қаласы, 2024 жылғы 25 маусым

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



Secretariat

RECOMMENDATIONS
of the Special Working Group meeting on 25 June 2024

The Special Working Group (SWG) at its online meeting held on 25 June 2024 recommended the following:

1. The SWG recommended to the Senior Officials Committee (SOC) that it consider approving the draft High-Level Statement of the CICA Ministerial Conference on Environmental Issues on 28 August 2024 for the adoption at the conference.
2. The SWG recommended to the SOC that it approve the draft Annual Action Plan of the CICA Think Tank Forum for 2024.
3. The SWG recommended to the SOC that it approve the draft concept paper in the priority area “Security of and in the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs)” for 2024-2025.

**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,

Expressing gratitude to 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 within the framework of sustainable development goals,

Mindful of our common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities to preserve, protect and improve our environment for the present and future generations, stressing the importance of fostering cooperation and implementing effective measures to address pressing environmental issues recognizing that Asia's diversity and rich potential in natural resources 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 share learnings, best practices and ideas from regional projects to confront the negative effects of climate change and

biodiversity loss and pollution, holding conferences and seminars for CICA countries to enhance environmental cooperation,

Recognizing the vulnerability of many CICA Member States to climate change, stressing collective action on the basis of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities within the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Paris Agreement, [encouraging] (-CHN) [urging] (+CHN) (ISR tcb) developed countries to provide new financial sources to finance adaptation and mitigation measures of CICA countries,

Acknowledging the comprehensive significance of a green and sustainable economy in the context of sustainable development, strongly committing to adopting measures to increase ecological awareness and cultivate ecological culture, striving to exchange knowledge, best practices and practical experiences on circular economy and enhance cooperation for sustainable development goals in a balanced and integrated manner under the CICA platform, while recognizing the special capacities and capabilities of developing countries in this regard.

Emphasizing the critical importance of multilateral cooperation and knowledge exchange among CICA Member States, including the regional implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and Global Framework on Chemicals among the interested parties.

Reiterating the importance of addressing the pressing challenges posed by all forms of pollution in our communities, we encourage the implementation of environmentally friendly solutions, including the Zero Waste Initiative, taking into account national circumstances and capabilities.

Emphasizing the critical nature of clean water, climate resilience in the water sector, as well as marine and coastal ecosystem conservation, stressing the importance of continuous efforts for restoration of coastal ecosystem for coastal protection as well as enhancing integrated and sustainable water management related to environment at all appropriate levels through extensive exchange of best practices.

Encouraging the strengthening of cooperation in the field of adaptation, especially the agriculture, health, and water sectors, to achieve water sustainability, food security and nutrition and good health for all countries.

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

1. Acknowledging the vital need for proactive and sustained efforts in addressing the pressing environmental issues facing our region, consistent sharing of best practices, and fostering regular meetings between relevant ministries or agencies, we believe it could be beneficial to foster cooperation between the CICA Member States in the field of environment.
2. We commit to strengthening cooperation in the field of water management related to environment, including capacity building and mutual technological transfer especially in line with the sustainable development goals.
3. 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 and adaptation 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.

4. We intend to improve the quality of life and health and to promote the exchange of experiences on climate change mitigation and adaptation, reversing biodiversity loss, sustainable water management related to environment, ecosystem management and pollution control.
5. We commit to supporting CICA Member States in achieving their environmental goals and to promoting sustainability in our nations.

In conclusion, we reiterate our commitment to 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 future for the CICA region.

Astana, 28 August 2024



Chairmanship of Kazakhstan

**DRAFT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
of the CICA Think Tank Forum for 2024**

The following activities will be implemented to strengthen exchanges among CICA Think Tank Forum (TTF) members in 2024:

1. The Twelfth CICA Think Tank Forum will be held in September or October 2024. The Forum will focus on issues concerning peace, stability and cooperation in Asia in 2024 and the improvement of the TTF mechanism as well as commemorate the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of the Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States. The Forum will bring together representatives from think tanks of CICA Member States to address CICA's top priorities and provide concrete policy recommendations for the synergistic interaction in different areas of CICA, as well as for the further development of CICA.
2. Several interactive training workshops will be organized and include the participation of CICA veterans (Executive Directors of the CICA Secretariat) and young specialists from think tanks of CICA Member States. Small-scale academic workshops centering around the themes, such as multipolarity, multilateralism and globalization, will be held in accordance with the top priorities on the regional security and cooperation agenda, and serve as a platform for dialogue in areas of energy, food, climate, water resources, economy and trade, digital economy, and youth. TTF members may choose to moderate a workshop on one of the above areas. Key takeaways may be circulated by the Secretariat and the TTF network.
3. A handbook may be created to support the development of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Think tanks of the CICA Member States are

encouraged to leverage their respective expertise, research the experience of effective measures in their own countries to support the development of SMEs and create an e-book for the CICA Business Council members.

4. Information and analytical support to the activities of CICA will be fostered through the contribution of analytical, research and forecast reports from TTF members across all dimensions of CICA. Working reports may include analysis of hotspot issues of Asian security, Asia security outlook and review of 2024, top 10 CICA news events, and others. These research outcomes will be released through social media platforms.

5. The CICA TTF focal points network will be strengthened and expanded in order to facilitate exchange of information. TTF members may share their views and suggestions on CICA and submit their publication information to the Secretariat to produce a catalogue of publications of the TTF member institutions.

6. A thematic dialogue titled “Accelerating Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment” will be held among TTF members. The dialogue aims to provide recommendations for strengthening the position of women in CICA Member States.

7. Concept papers and administrative notes of planned activities will be circulated among CICA Member States and TTF members in advance, including information about organizers and participants, as well as the terms of financial support.