



**SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION  
AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES IN ASIA**

**СЕКРЕТАРИАТ СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ  
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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 documents adopted by the Sixth CICA Summit on 12-13 October 2022, the Chairmanship's Conclusions on Achievements and Discussions of the Sixth CICA Summit and the Memorandum of Understanding between the CICA Secretariat and the Eurasian Economic Commission signed on the margins of the Sixth CICA Summit.

*Enclosure:  
as stated,  
on 33 p.*

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

Astana, 13 October 2022



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Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и имеет честь направить документы, принятые шестым Саммитом СВМДА 12-13 октября 2022 года, Заключение Председательства о достижениях и дискуссиях шестого Саммита СВМДА и Меморандум о взаимопонимании между Секретариатом СВМДА и Евразийской Экономической Комиссии подписанный на полях шестого Саммита СВМДА.

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

город Астана, 13 октября 2022 г.



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

*Қосымша:  
аталған, 33 п.*

Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (Азия Кеңесінің) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесінің мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіре отырып, 2022 жылғы 12-13 қазанда Азия Кеңесінің алтыншы Саммитімен қабылданған құжаттарды, Азия Кеңесінің алтыншы Саммитінің жетістіктері мен талқылаулары туралы Төрағалықтың Қорытындыларын және Азия Кеңесінің алтыншы Саммиті аясында қол қойылған Азия Кеңесінің Хатшылығы мен Еуразиялық Экономикалық Комиссиясы арасындағы өзара түсіністік туралы Меморандумды жолдауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

Хатшылық осы мүмкіндікті пайдалана отырып, Азия Кеңесінің мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын тағы да растайды.

Астана қаласы, 2022 жылғы 13 қазан

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



**DECISION OF THE CICA SUMMIT  
on accession of Kuwait to CICA as a Member State**

The CICA Summit,

- Appreciating Kuwait's intention 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 at its meeting on 10-11 October 2022,

Decides:

To welcome Kuwait as a CICA Member State.



## ASTANA STATEMENT ON CICA TRANSFORMATION

We, the Heads of State or Government of the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), having met on 12-13 October 2022 in Astana on the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CICA process,

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

1. We hereby launch the structured, inclusive and transparent negotiations process of gradual, incremental and consensus-based transformation of CICA into a full-fledged regional international organization;
2. The process of transforming CICA will pursue the following major goals: defining the overarching areas of our future cooperation and strengthening the organizational and institutional base of our interaction;
3. We also envision our organization as contributing to dynamic, equitable, comprehensive and balanced economic growth, connectivity, social and cultural development of its Member States. We will strengthen our collective work within our organization in order to seek joint solutions for our common challenges of the twenty first century towards a secure and prosperous region and to pursue peaceful settlement of disputes in accordance with the UN Charter;
4. Our organization will interact and cooperate in areas of interest of all Member States with other states, organizations and fora sharing the same goals and principles for the purpose of strengthening results-oriented and consensus-based multilateral cooperation in our region;

5. As the first step of the transformation process, we decide that:

(1) The Meeting of Heads of State or Government (Summit) and the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Ministerial Meeting) shall henceforth be referred to, respectively, as the Council of Heads of State or Government (Summit) and the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Ministerial Council);

(2) The Executive Director of the CICA Secretariat shall henceforth be referred to as Secretary General;

(3) The Secretariat will submit to the Member States, through the Chairmanship, proposals for amendments to the relevant CICA documents for approval by the respective governing bodies;

6. The Member States will determine, when and as appropriate, the details of the transformation process, including criteria for membership, and, with a view to taking a meaningful practical step to that end, we request the Chairmanship to make proposals in 2023, with the assistance of the Secretary General and in close consultation with Member States, on a road map of necessary measures in the transformation process for consideration by the Member States;

7. We congratulate CICA on the considerable progress it has achieved in 30 years of evolution and request the Chairmanship to submit progress reports on the transformation process to the next meetings of the Ministerial Council and the Council of Heads of State or Government.



## **CICA Leaders' Statement on Cooperation in the Field of Security of and in the Use of Information and Communication Technologies**

We, the Leaders of the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA), gathered in Astana for the Sixth CICA Summit on 12-13 October 2022,

*Recognizing* the unprecedented progress in the development and use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) and their increasing influence, including due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on everyday life and on the political, economic, humanitarian and other components of national and international security and stability that shape the global information space,

*Expressing* concern about the use of ICTs for purposes that are inconsistent with the objectives of maintaining international peace, security and stability, as well as about the increasing risks in the sphere of data security,

*Considering* it necessary to promote the prevention of the use of ICTs for terrorism and other criminal purposes,

*Noting* the risks and consequences of division of the Internet,

*Reaffirming* that voluntary, non-binding norms of responsible State behaviour can reduce risks to international peace, security and stability, and do not seek to limit or prohibit action that is otherwise consistent with international law but nonetheless to set standards for responsible State behaviour, while also reaffirming that, given the unique attributes of information and communications technologies, additional norms could be developed over time and, separately, noting the possibility of future elaboration of additional binding obligations, if appropriate;

*Emphasizing* that, while States bear primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, all other interested parties, including business, NGOs and academia, have responsibility to use ICTs in a manner that does not endanger peace and security;

*Recognizing* also that capacity building is important for countering common threats in the field of security of and in the use of ICTs,

*DECLARE THE FOLLOWING:*

1. We decide to stand in solidarity and support further strengthening of cooperation among the CICA Member States in ensuring security of and in the use of ICTs with equal emphasis on development and security.
2. We stand for preventing interstate conflicts that may arise from the unlawful use of ICTs, including through reducing the risk of misunderstandings between the CICA Member States and increasing confidence, in order to ensure national, regional and international security.
3. We reaffirm the commonality of approaches to ensuring security of and in the use of ICTs and declare that the development and use of ICTs in international cooperation based on universally recognized principles of international law, primarily the UN Charter, are of paramount importance for shaping an open, secure, stable, accessible and peaceful ICT environment.
4. We recognize the importance of the global discussion on security of and in the use of ICTs and welcome the launch of the UN Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) on Security of and in the Use of ICTs 2021-2025. In this regard, we reaffirm our commitment to active participation in the OEWG's deliberations and engagement between CICA Member States within the OEWG. We are also ready to consider initiatives of CICA Member States aimed at ensuring security in the use of ICTs.
5. We recognize the importance of active participation in the work of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee of experts, under the auspices of the UN, to elaborate a comprehensive international convention on countering the use of ICTs for criminal purposes and the need to further



strengthen international cooperation in this area. We support voluntary exchange of views, approaches and best practices in the field of countering the use of ICTs for criminal purposes.

6. We reaffirm the need to assist developing CICA Member States in building capacity in the area of information security and bridging the 'digital divide' in order to ensure security and sustainability of the global information space.

7. We reaffirm the importance of exchanging views and approaches between CICA Member States on Internet governance issues based on the decisions of the Tunis Agenda of the 2005 World Summit on the Information Society.



## DECISION OF THE CICA SUMMIT MEETING

### Regulations of the Fund of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia

The CICA Summit,

Decides to establish and adopt the following Regulations of the Fund of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA).

#### Article 1 General provisions

1.1 These Regulations define the objectives, structure and mode of operation of the CICA Fund.

1.2 The CICA Fund is a special mechanism for identification of CICA projects and mobilization of voluntary funding for their implementation.

1.3 The Fund's objective is to facilitate realization of CICA goals in practice by financing project activities implemented within the mandate and framework of CICA.

1.4 The Fund shall operate based on the principles of transparency, voluntariness, consensus and accountability to the Member States.

1.5 The Fund's resources shall be used exclusively to finance activities and projects which are consistent with the CICA goals and principles outlined in the Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations Between the CICA Member States of 1999 and the Almaty Act of 2002, and are approved by the Member States in accordance with these Regulations.

1.6 All project activities financed by the Fund shall be implemented with respect to sovereignty and territorial integrity of all Member States, in agreement with the beneficiary or recipient Member State and in compliance with the principles of transparency and financial accountability.

1.7 The financing of projects by the Fund shall be on a non-reimbursable basis, including in the form of grants, donations, technical assistance or other forms.

1.8 The Fund's resources shall not be considered as the part of the CICA Secretariat's budget and shall be kept in a separate bank account of the CICA Secretariat.

1.9 The immunity of the Fund and the safety of its resources are guaranteed by 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 of 2010 and the Host Country Agreement between the Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan regarding the Terms and Conditions of the Secretariat's Location in the Territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan of 2007.

## **Article 2**

### **The use of the Fund's resources**

2.1 The Fund's resources shall be used for financing projects in the following areas:

2.1.1 Programmes and projects to assist Member States in pursuing development goals in line with CICA objectives.

2.1.2 Projects carried out as part of practical implementation of CICA confidence building measures as contained in the CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures (CBMs), including but not limited to CBM events in the form of meetings, conferences, seminars, workshops, symposia, round tables, training events, etc.

2.1.3 Research and development of scientific, analytical and information materials and publications within the framework of CICA.

2.1.4 Humanitarian assistance to Member States.

2.1.5 Other projects approved for financing by the Fund.

2.2 Any Member State may propose projects for financing by the Fund.

2.3 The project proposals shall contain all relevant project elements, including minimum requirements for project quality, such as objectives, justification and feasibility of the project, expected outcomes, project implementation plan and timeframe, project budget, information on the implementing agency and a schedule for submitting interim and final reports. Member States, through the CICA Secretariat; and the CICA Executive Director may request additional information from the project originators and/or implementing agency.

### **Article 3**

#### **Project review and approval process**

3.1 The project proposals shall be submitted to the CICA Secretariat for circulation to all Member States. The Member States shall review and, on the basis of consensus, approve the project at the Project Review Committee (PRC).

3.2 The PRC shall consist of official representatives with the relevant expertise from all Member States authorized by his/her Member State to represent it at the PRC. The PRC shall be chaired by the Chairmanship in coordination with the CICA Secretariat.

3.3 The projects approved by the PRC shall be added to the List of Approved Projects for possible financing by the Fund. The List shall be posted and regularly updated on the website of the CICA Secretariat.

3.4 Meetings of the PRC shall be convened by the Chairmanship as necessary for consideration of the proposed projects or pledges of contribution or of other needs associated with the operation of the Fund. The Secretariat shall prepare and circulate minutes of PRC meetings to all Member States. As necessary, the Chairmanship may propose the PRC to consider certain issues intersessionally, through a silence procedure.

3.5 The Chairmanship shall develop the agenda for PRC meetings. The format, venue and date of a PRC meeting shall be determined by the Chairmanship in consultation with the host.

3.6 Organizational costs, associated with the holding of the PRC meeting, shall be incurred by the host, travel expenses of meeting participants shall be borne by the sending party.

## **Article 4**

### **Sources of funding**

4.1 The Fund shall be formed from the following sources:

4.1.1 Voluntary monetary contributions from the Member States and/or their national development assistance agencies. Acceptance of such contributions does not need approval by the Member States.

4.1.2 Voluntary monetary contributions from external sources, such as Observer States, other non-Member States, observer organizations, partner organizations, international organizations and forums, international non-governmental organizations, national and international financial institutions and development agencies, legal entities and individuals. Acceptance of such contributions shall be subject to prior approval by the Member States.

4.2 Monetary contributions shall not be accepted from donors whose goals and principles contradict the goals and principles of CICA.

4.3 Donors may provide (i) contributions earmarked for certain projects from the List of Approved Projects; (ii) contributions earmarked for specific areas of activities; or (iii) non-earmarked contributions.

4.4 Any pledge of contribution should be submitted to the Secretariat for informing all Member States about the donor, total amount of the offered contribution and its purpose, and any other relevant aspects of the pledge. Pledges from external sources referred to in p.4.1.2 above shall be reviewed and, on the basis of consensus, accepted by the Member States at the PRC, including on the basis of criteria referred to in p.4.2 above.

4.5 Upon receipt of each contribution, the CICA Executive Director shall provide all Member States with the information on the total amount of resources available in the Fund, indicating the donors and contribution related details.

4.6 The Chairmanship, Member States and the CICA Executive Director may carry out fundraising activities, search potential donors and interact with them.

## **Article 5**

### **Mechanism of funding and control over implementation of projects**

5.1 The allocation of the Fund's resources for financing the projects specified in the List of Approved Projects shall be done by the Member States

through the PRC, except for allocation of contributions from Member States already earmarked by the donor to certain approved projects.

5.2 The Chairmanship, Member States and the CICA Executive Director may suggest the PRC to use the available non-earmarked resources for financing unfunded projects from the List of Approved Projects.

5.3 Responsibility for ensuring due implementation of projects financed from the Fund shall rest with a Member State receiving its funds (Beneficiary).

5.4 The Beneficiary shall submit to all Member States, through the Secretariat, interim reports and final report on implementation of a project, including the information on achievement of project goals, financial statements and other required data.

5.5 In order to assist the Beneficiary to ensure transparency and reporting to the PRC, a project group shall oversee the progress of a project during the entire period of its implementation. The project group will consist of representatives of the Chairmanship, Beneficiary and the donors, and Members of the PRC participating on a voluntary basis, and will be coordinated by the Secretariat.

## **Article 6**

### **Financial statements**

6.1 The Secretariat shall circulate to the Member States an annual financial statement no later than 31 March of the year following the reporting financial period. The financial statement shall include information on the received, allocated and unused resources of the Fund as at the end of the reporting financial period. The financial period shall mean a calendar year. The Beneficiaries shall submit to the Secretariat all the required data in order to produce such a statement.

## **Article 7**

### **External audit**

7.1 External audit of the Fund shall be conducted by the decision of the SOC as often as necessary and at least once in two years in case of operational activity.

7.2 External audit shall be conducted by an audit institution nominated by a Member State and authorized by the SOC. Any Member State may nominate an external auditor.

7.3 The audit report shall be circulated to all Member States by the Secretariat.

7.4 The Fund's Beneficiaries shall submit, upon request, all the required documents to the external auditor.

7.5 External audit shall be conducted at the expense of the Member State that nominated the external auditor.

7.6 In case no Member State wishes to nominate an external auditor, the SOC will decide to allocate resources of the CICA Fund to cover expenses for an external audit.

## **Article 8**

### **Final provisions**

8.1 These Regulations shall be adopted by the CICA Summit and shall enter into force on the date of adoption. The SOC may amend these Regulations and will further improve modalities of operation of the Fund and its project management framework.

8.2 Should the legal status of CICA be changed, these Regulations shall no longer be effective.

8.3 The CICA Secretariat shall propose for approval by the SOC specific project management elements, including but not limited to project selection and evaluation criteria, project proposal and reporting templates, and other elements and procedures as necessary.

8.4 All disputes related to the operation of the Fund shall be settled through consultations among all relevant parties.



### **CICA Plan of Action on the Implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy**

We, the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA);

*Reiterating* strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and reaffirming that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivations, whenever, wherever and by whomsoever committed;

*Recognising* that terrorism constitutes a direct violation and denial of human rights, in particular the right to life, and fundamental freedom, democracy, security and development; is aimed at threatening sovereignty, territorial integrity, stability and the security of States; and that the international community should take the necessary steps to enhance cooperation to prevent and combat terrorism in a decisive, unified, coordinated, inclusive and transparent manner;

*Recognising* also that terrorism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilisation or ethnic group,

*Reaffirming* our strong commitment to the purposes and principles of the UN Charter especially sovereign equality, territorial integrity, political independence and non-interference in their internal affairs;

*Reiterating* our strong resolve to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including but not limited to financing, supporting, harbouring, training and equipping of terrorists and disseminating terrorist propaganda and to strengthen bilateral, regional and international cooperation;

*Emphasising* the central role of the UN in the fight against international terrorism and reaffirming commitment to the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy; and calling to step up our efforts to implement all 4 pillars of the Strategy in an integrated and balanced manner in all its aspects;



*Recalling* our commitments with regard to implementation of the UN General Assembly and the UN Security Council resolutions relating to international terrorism.

*Reiterating* the primary responsibility of States and their respective national institutions in preventing and countering terrorism both at the national and international levels, including the implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy;

*Welcoming* the adoption of the General Assembly Resolution A/RES/75/291 on the seventh review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy which, inter alia, encourages the development of national, subregional and regional plans to support the implementation of the Strategy;

*Emphasising* that promotion and protection of human rights, rule of law, and sustainable economic and social development and sharing good practices to raise awareness against online terrorist propaganda are factors which can contribute to address the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism;

*Mindful* of the role CICA is well placed to play in coordinating efforts for national, regional and international counter-terrorism initiatives;

*Taking into account* that the present Action Plan is aimed at implementation, on a voluntary basis, of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in a comprehensive manner within the CICA region, and that this Plan may be reviewed as required;

*Recognizing* the need to respect the sovereignty of each country and its relevant pertinent national legislations;

### **Pillar I: Measures to address the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism**

Resolve to encourage the following measures aimed at addressing the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism:

1. To take measures in accordance with Member States' obligations under the international law and while ensuring national ownership, to address conditions conducive to terrorism, both internal and external, in a balanced manner, while recognizing that none of the conditions can excuse or justify acts of terrorism.

2. To eradicate poverty and to promote sustainable economic and social development, social justice as part of the strategy to prevent spread of terrorism and to support exchange of good practices and information in this area.
3. To support human rights as well as values of mutual respect, respect for diversity, pluralism and tolerance among different cultures, civilizations and religions.
4. To respect freedom of religions, promote inter-ethnic and inter-religious dialogue and prevent disinformation that could lead to radicalization to terrorism.
5. To look into ways to develop agreed tools of assistance at the national and regional level on a voluntary basis with coordination among member states to address the needs of victims of terrorism and to ensure that they are treated with dignity and that their right to access to justice is respected.
6. To condemn and prohibit any forms of justification, glorification or apologia of terrorism, that may incite terrorist acts, to continue to work to develop and adopt measures to counter terrorist narratives, propaganda, and recruitment in the education, the Internet and social networks in accordance with domestic legislation and respective obligations under international law.
7. We recognize the role of the media and use of ICT, effective communication, religious actors and education system, as crucial for success of counter-narrative and counter-terrorism efforts among other things.

## ***Pillar II: Preventing and combating terrorism***

We resolve to take following actions to prevent and combat terrorism in accordance with the provisions of the UN Charter as well as national legislation:

1. To consider becoming parties to international counter-terrorism legal instruments, in accordance with their constitutional process in line with domestic law.
2. To intensify when plausible cooperation among Member States in preventing and combating terrorism as well as in combating transnational organized crime, including the illicit trafficking in and smuggling of arms

and drugs, human trafficking, and money laundering, which are closely connected to the financing of terrorism.

3. To continue to implement national and international standards on countering money laundering, the financing of terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, as well as to enhance cooperation in these areas with the relevant regional and international bodies, including FATF, when applicable and if the state is party to them.
4. To implement individual and collective measures to address terrorist threats in accordance with domestic and international law, while ensuring freedom of information and expression, and share relevant national experience and best practices with each other.
5. To take effective measures in accordance with international and domestic law to ensure that the territories of Member States are not used for the training, financing and transit of terrorist groups.
6. To increase efforts to prevent and counter terrorism, including the spread of terrorist ideology and propaganda and the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes in their countries;
7. To call upon the media to apply ethical standards when depicting terrorist events in order to avoid amplifying terrorist content;
8. To cooperate in efforts to address the threat posed by foreign terrorist fighters, including by preventing the radicalization conducive to terrorism and recruitment of foreign terrorist fighters, enhancing relevant information sharing, preventing foreign terrorist fighters from crossing our national borders, disrupting and preventing financial support to foreign terrorist fighters, and developing and implementing prosecution, reintegration and rehabilitation strategies for possible returning foreign terrorist fighters in accordance with national legislation and policies.
9. To identify and suppress criminal activities of terrorist groups and individuals including smuggling, obtaining, handling, financing, storing, using or seeking access to all types of weapons, arms and ammunitions, explosives, toxic and radioactive substances, materials and components that can be used to manufacture explosive devices.
10. To destroy laboratories and other specialized facilities of terrorist organizations intended for manufacture of weapons, arms, ammunition, explosives and explosive devices as well as weapons of mass destruction.

11. To enhance cooperation to counter and suppress nexus between the terrorism and transnational organized criminal networks.
12. To identify and address challenges arising out of the usage of cryptocurrencies for financing terrorism and transnational organized crime, including but not limited to illicit drug and human trafficking, money laundering.

***Pillar III: Measures to build States' capacity to prevent and combat terrorism***

We resolve to encourage the following measures to develop our capacities to prevent and combat terrorism:

1. To encourage organizing training programmes, workshops and seminars for the relevant agencies.
2. To encourage efforts for sharing and exchange of information and best practices among law enforcement agencies through bilateral, regional and multilateral legal mechanisms in accordance with domestic law and our respective obligations under international law to support effective criminal investigation and prosecution of any person who supports, facilitates, participates or attempts to participate in the financing, planning, preparation, perpetration of terrorist acts or provides safe havens.
3. To strengthen the capacity of the national criminal justice systems to properly investigate, prosecute and adjudicate terrorist offences.
4. To encourage sustained cooperation among international and regional organizations as well as with the relevant UN agencies through memoranda of understanding or other means for more effective and practical cooperation, joint activities and efficient exchange of information.
5. To facilitate interaction and enhanced cooperation through multilateral and bilateral agreements between governmental focal points in the Member States.
6. To promote, where feasible, partnerships in the fight against terrorism, in order to develop capacity-building prevention and protection programs according to national legislation local conditions and national priorities.

7. To promote collective or bilateral cooperation upon request from member States through technical, logistical or financial assistance, for the purpose of combating terrorism.

***Pillar IV: Measures to ensure respect for human rights for all and the rule of law as the fundamental basis of the fight against terrorism***

We resolve to take following actions while reaffirming that the promotion and protection of human rights for all and respect for the rule of law is essential to all components of the Strategy, recognising that effective counter-terrorism measures and the protection of human rights are not conflicting goals, but complementary and mutually reinforcing, and emphasizing the need to promote international solidarity in support of victims of terrorism and to ensure that victims of terrorism are treated with dignity and respect:

1. To ensure that any measures taken to combat terrorism comply with our respective obligations under international law, also taking into consideration effects of terrorism on human rights of the victims of terrorism.
2. To reaffirm the essential role of the United Nations system in strengthening the international legal architecture by promoting the rule of law, respect for human rights and maintaining effective criminal justice systems, which constitute the fundamental basis of our common fight against terrorism.
3. To encourage public discussion of national programmes, plans and strategies on countering terrorism in order to ensure transparency and accountability.



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Sixth Meeting of the CICA Summit

Astana, 13 October 2022

## DECISION OF THE CICA SUMMIT

### on CICA Chairmanship in 2022-2024 and next meetings of the Summit and Ministerial Council

The CICA Summit,

- Referring to the recommendation of the Senior Officials Committee of 8 December 2021,
- Expressing appreciation to Kazakhstan for its CICA Chairmanship in 2020-2022 and for readiness to continue for the next term of 2022-2024,
- Inviting other Member States to consider assuming Chairmanship for the following terms,

Decides that:

1. The Republic of Kazakhstan will continue its Chairmanship in CICA in the years 2022-2024;
2. The Seventh Meeting of the CICA Ministerial Council shall be held in 2024; and
3. The Seventh Meeting of the CICA Council of Heads of State or Government shall be held in 2026.



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**Chairmanship of Kazakhstan**

**CHAIRMANSHIP'S CONCLUSIONS  
ON ACHIEVEMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS OF THE SIXTH CICA SUMMIT**

**Chapter I  
OUTCOMES OF THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SUMMIT**

The Heads of State or Government of the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), having met at the Sixth CICA Summit in Astana on 12-13 October 2022 and celebrated the 30th anniversary of CICA,

1. Expressed gratitude to the Republic of Kazakhstan for the hospitality and excellent organization of the Sixth CICA Summit;
2. Discussed their vision towards a new Asia in the emerging new world and have decided to chart the future course of their cooperation as reflected in the Astana Statement on CICA Transformation, by which they launch the structured, inclusive and transparent negotiations process of gradual, incremental and consensus-based transformation of CICA into a full-fledged regional international organization;
3. Issued the CICA Leaders' Statement on Cooperation in the Field of Security of and in the Use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), reflecting their decision to stand in solidarity and support further strengthening of cooperation among the CICA Member States in ensuring security of and in the use of ICTs with equal emphasis on development and security;
4. Established the CICA Fund as a special mechanism for identification of CICA projects and mobilization of voluntary funding for their implementation, with the

objective to facilitate realization of CICA goals in practice by financing project activities implemented within the mandate and framework of CICA;

5. Adopted the CICA Plan of Action on the Implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, aimed at implementation, on a voluntary basis, of this Strategy in a comprehensive manner within the CICA region;

6. Welcomed Kuwait as a new CICA Member State;

7. Welcomed the signing of the memorandum of understanding between the CICA Secretariat and the Eurasian Economic Commission;

8. Took decisions on CICA Chairmanship of Kazakhstan in 2022-2024 and on the next meetings of the CICA Summit in 2026 and CICA Ministerial Council in 2024;

9. Stressed that an important dimension for cooperation through platform of CICA is global warming and climate change. They expressed solidarity with the people and Government of Pakistan facing a climate-induced disaster caused by unprecedented rains and floods and urged all Member States to support Pakistan's efforts for relief, rescue and subsequent phase of rehabilitation and reconstruction;

## **Chapter II**

### **CHAIR'S SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS OF MEMBER STATES**

Most Member States also noted the following positions of some Member States which are not associated with or agreed by all Member States:

1. The Republic of Kazakhstan and certain other Member States have proposed that the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia be referred to as the Organization for Interaction and Cooperation in Asia (OICA). The Russian Federation proposed that CICA be referred to as the Eurasian Organization for Cooperation (EOC). The Member States agreed to continue discussions on the new name of CICA in the course of the transformation process;



2. The People's Republic of China and certain other Member States reaffirm the importance of initiatives aimed at promoting interaction for the development of a new kind of international relations in the spirit of mutual respect, justice, equality and mutually beneficial cooperation, as well as forging a common vision for creating a community with a shared future for humankind. The Russian Federation appreciates approaches and spirit aimed at building a brighter future for the international community based on mutually beneficial cooperation;

3. India and certain other Member States reaffirm the need to promote development of international relations based on the spirit of "the whole world is one family", in order to contribute to the realization of a better future for present and future generations. The Russian Federation appreciates approaches and spirit aimed at building a brighter future for the international community based on mutually beneficial cooperation;

4. Certain Member States reiterate the importance of preserving and strengthening the regional multilateral architecture to tackle pressing common regional security and development issues and to support a regional and international order based on international law;

5. The People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation and certain other Member States share the understanding that security is common, comprehensive, cooperative, sustainable, indivisible and equal, and the challenges in the CICA region, including traditional and non-traditional security issues, are complex and interrelated and require stronger cooperation;

6. The People's Republic of China and certain other Member States recognize the positive role of the Global Security Initiative in bridging the peace and security deficit, and addressing the current challenges;

7.1 The Republic of Azerbaijan and certain other Member States underline the strategic importance of connectivity for trade and development and improved cooperation among the Member States, they also underline the importance of further development of transport corridors, including the multimodal ones and logistic centres, and promoting digitalization of transportation through the CICA region for full utilization of their potential and for enhancing peace and prosperity, as well as mitigating specific development challenges for land-locked and transit countries;

7.2 Iran and certain other Member States stress that taking further measures in this regard should be on the basis of securing the interests and addressing the concerns of all Member States;

8. Viet Nam and all other Member States reaffirm the importance of the shared commitment to maintaining and promoting peace and stability, pursuing peaceful settlement of disputes, including full respect for legal and diplomatic process without resorting to the threat or use of force, as well as ensuring safety, security, and freedom of navigation and overflight, in accordance with the UN Charter and international law, including relevant UN conventions;

9. The Republic of Azerbaijan and certain other Member States express deep concern that indiscriminate use of landmines, improvised explosive devices and explosive remnants of war threaten peace, security and stability, the post-conflict rehabilitation, reconstruction and peace-building efforts, in this regard they call for international assistance for the affected Member States upon their request, and highlight the importance of the establishment of a Like-Minded Group of Mine-Affected Countries to raise awareness, as appropriate;

10. Jordan, Iran and Palestine stress the need to take measures in accordance with Member States' obligations under the international law and while ensuring national ownership, to address conditions conducive to terrorism, both internal and external, in a balanced manner, taking into consideration the importance of ending protracted conflicts and foreign occupation, while recognizing that none of the conditions can excuse or justify acts of terrorism;

11.1 Israel stresses that incitement to commit a terrorist act or acts should be prohibited by law and such conduct should be prevented;

11.2 India and Israel stress the need to identify and address challenges arising out of use of unmanned aerial vehicles for trafficking of arms, drugs and launching terror attacks;

11.3 Pakistan and certain other Member States reaffirm the determination to continue to do all they can to resolve conflict, and foreign occupation, improve intercultural understanding and ensure respect for all religions, religious values, beliefs and cultures;

12. The People's Republic of China, the Republic of Kazakhstan and certain other Member States welcome the Global Development Initiative and are willing to actively participate in cooperation on the initiative, further align their development strategies, accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of UN, and promote a stronger, greener, and healthier global development;

13. The Russian Federation and certain other Member States emphasize the importance of using the potential of the countries in the CICA region, regional multilateral organizations and fora in the interests of forming an open, mutually beneficial and equal cross-platform interaction in wider seamless Eurasian space under the norms and principles of the international law and taking into account the national interests;

14. The State of Palestine, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Egypt, Iran (with reservation), Iraq, Jordan, Pakistan, Qatar, Türkiye, the United Arab Emirates and majority of Member States note that the situation in the Middle East continues to cause concern and call on all interested parties to implement related UN resolutions to achieve a peace, security and stability in this region. They also consider it essential to revive negotiations on the Middle East Peace Process, in order to achieve the two state solution, based on international law, relevant UN resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative on two sovereign states living next to each other in peace, harmony, tranquility and security. They stay committed to the right of Palestinians to have an independent, and fully sovereign Palestinian state on the border lines of 4 June 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital, and they strongly support the Historic Hashemite Custodianship of the Holy sites in the Holy City of Jerusalem. They stand firm against any unilateral decision that might lead to changing the status quo of the holy city of Jerusalem. They remain fully concerned about the current financial situation of The United Nations Relief and Works Agency;

15. The State of Israel and certain other Member States express support of the recent developments in the Middle East with the historic signing of the "Abraham accords" and the tripartite declaration. These peace agreements that established full diplomatic relations between CICA Member States Israel, UAE and Bahrain will strengthen regional cooperation in various fields and promote peace, economic growth and prosperity. Israel calls on all interested parties to support

the efforts to achieve peace, security and stability in this region. Israel also considers it essential to revive negotiations on the Middle East Peace Process, in order to achieve an agreed solution between Israel and the Palestinians;

16. Egypt, Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Palestine, Qatar, Türkiye and certain other Member States support the establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and other Weapons of Mass Destruction, based on arrangements freely arrived at among the states of the region concerned.

## **MEMORANDUM**

### **of understanding between the Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia and the Eurasian Economic Commission**

The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia and the Eurasian Economic Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Signatories,

Based on the Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States dated September 14, 1999 and the Almaty Act dated June 4, 2002 and the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union dated May 29, 2014,

Reaffirming the commitment to the generally recognized principles and rules of international law,

Recognizing the aspiration of the Signatories to establish dialogue for mutually beneficial economic cooperation,

Reaffirming the intention of the Signatories to work together in the trade and economic sphere to develop regional economic cooperation,

have reached the following understanding:

1. The goal of this Memorandum is to promote the development of comprehensive economic cooperation and mutual understanding between the Signatories in areas of mutual interest.

2. The Signatories intend to cooperate within their competence in areas such as the following:

regional economic integration;

economy and finance;  
transport and transportation;  
digitalization, information and communication technologies;  
industry;  
agro-industrial complex;  
trade policy;  
competition policy.

3. Cooperation under this Memorandum will be implemented by:  
exchange of experience and information on issues of mutual interest;  
meetings of the Signatories' representatives;

joint preparation and organization of conferences, forums, exhibitions, consultations, and round table discussions, including those involving participation of the representatives of business communities of the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia and the Eurasian Economic Union;

preparation of analytical papers and reports on the issues of common interest.

4. Any information resulting from this Memorandum shall be used by the Signatories only for the purpose of implementing this Memorandum and shall not be disclosed to a third Party without the written consent of the original disclosing Signatory.

The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia provides the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia with information received under the implementation of this Memorandum and the Eurasian Economic Commission provides the Eurasian Economic Union Member States

with information received under the implementation of this Memorandum without the written consent of the Signatory that has provided such information.

At the same time, the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia and the Eurasian Economic Union Member States shall not disclose the received information to a third Party or distribute it without the written consent of the Signatories.

This Memorandum does not imply the exchange of information, access to which is limited in accordance with the documents of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia, the legislation of the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia, as well as international treaties and acts constituting the law of the Eurasian Economic Union, the legislation of the Eurasian Economic Union Member States.

5. This Memorandum is not an international agreement, does not create any rights and obligations regulated by international law and does not impose any financial obligations on the Signatories.

Issues related to the implementation of this Memorandum will be resolved through consultations and negotiations between the Signatories.

6. This Memorandum will come into effect upon the date of its signing.

7. This Memorandum may be amended upon mutual consent of the Signatories.

8. Either Signatory has the right to terminate this Memorandum by sending a written notice to the other Signatory. Such termination will take effect on the date of its reception by the other Signatory.

Signed in the city of Astana on 13 October, 2022 in duplicate, each in Russian and English.



**For the Secretariat of the  
Conference on Interaction and  
Confidence Building Measures in  
Asia**



**For the Eurasian  
Economic Commission**



**МЕМОРАНДУМ**  
**о взаимопонимании между Секретариатом Совещания по**  
**взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии**  
**и Евразийской экономической комиссией**

Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии и Евразийская экономическая комиссия, именуемые в дальнейшем Сторонами,

руководствуясь Декларацией принципов, регулирующих отношения между государствами – членами Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии, от 14 сентября 1999 года, Алматинским Актом от 4 июня 2002 года и Договором о Евразийском экономическом союзе от 29 мая 2014 года,

подтверждая свою приверженность общепризнанным принципам и нормам международного права,

признавая стремление Сторон установить диалог в целях развития взаимовыгодного экономического сотрудничества,

подтверждая намерение Сторон совместно работать в торгово-экономической сфере для развития регионального экономического сотрудничества,

пришли к взаимопониманию о нижеследующем:

1. Целью настоящего Меморандума является содействие развитию всестороннего экономического сотрудничества и взаимопонимания Сторон по направлениям, представляющим взаимный интерес.

2. Стороны намерены осуществлять сотрудничество в пределах своей компетенции по следующим направлениям:

региональная экономическая интеграция;

экономика и финансы;

транспорт и перевозки;

цифровизация и информационно-коммуникационные технологии;

промышленность;

агропромышленный комплекс;

торговая политика;

конкурентная политика.

3. Сотрудничество в рамках настоящего Меморандума будет осуществляться путем:

обмена опытом и информацией по вопросам, представляющим взаимный интерес;

проведения встреч представителей Сторон;

совместной подготовки и организации конференций, форумов, выставок, консультаций и круглых столов, в том числе с участием представителей бизнес-сообществ государств – членов Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии и государств – членов Евразийского экономического союза;

подготовки аналитических материалов и докладов по вопросам, представляющим взаимный интерес.

4. Стороны будут использовать информацию, полученную в рамках настоящего Меморандума, только в целях реализации настоящего Меморандума и не будут раскрывать эту информацию третьей стороне без письменного согласия Стороны, предоставившей эту информацию.

Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии предоставляет государствам – членам Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии информацию, полученную в ходе применения настоящего Меморандума, Евразийская экономическая комиссия предоставляет государствам – членам Евразийского экономического союза информацию, полученную в ходе применения настоящего Меморандума, без письменного согласия Стороны, предоставившей такую информацию.

При этом государства – члены Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии и государства – члены Евразийского экономического союза не будут раскрывать полученную информацию третьей стороне или распространять ее без письменного согласия Сторон.

Настоящий Меморандум не предполагает обмен информацией, доступ к которой ограничен документами Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии, законодательством государств – членов Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии и международными договорами и актами, составляющими право Евразийского экономического союза, законодательством государств – членов Евразийского экономического союза.

5. Настоящий Меморандум не является международным договором, не создает прав и обязательств, регулируемых международным правом, и не налагает на Стороны финансовых обязательств.

Вопросы, связанные с применением настоящего Меморандума, будут решаться посредством консультаций и переговоров между Сторонами.

6. Настоящий Меморандум применяется с даты его подписания.

7. В настоящий Меморандум могут быть внесены изменения по взаимному согласию Сторон.

8. Любая из Сторон вправе прекратить применение настоящего Меморандума посредством направления другой Стороне соответствующего письменного уведомления. Применение настоящего Меморандума прекращается с даты получения такого уведомления другой Стороной.

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