



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

**СЕКРЕТАРИАТ СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ
И МЕРАМ ДОВЕРИЯ В АЗИИ**

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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 following documents as at the time of suspension of the Senior Officials Committee (SOC) meeting on 11 October 2022:

- Decisions of the SOC;
- Draft CICA Plan of Action on the Implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy as agreed by the SOC (SUM/2022/DRAFT/6);
- Draft Summit decision on CICA Chairmanship in 2022-2024 and next meetings of the Summit and Ministerial Council (SUM/2022/DRAFT/7);
- Draft Summit decision on CICA Chairmanships in 2022-2026 and next meetings of the Summit and Ministerial Council (SUM/2022/DRAFT/8) placed under silence procedure until 15.00 by Astana time on 12 October 2022;
- SOC Decision on the list of coordinating and co-coordinating countries for implementing CBMs under priority areas of CICA dimensions;
- Concept Papers approved by the SOC: (1) on development of secure and effective systems of transportation corridors; (2) on human dimension; and (3) on security of and in the use of ICTs.

The SOC will resume its meeting on 12 October 2022. The time and venue of the meeting will be announced in due course.

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

Astana, 11 October 2022

**MEMBER STATES
OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION
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Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и имеет честь препроводить следующие документы на момент приостановления заседания Комитета старших должностных лиц (КСДЛ) 11 октября 2022 года:

- Решения КСДЛ;
- Проект Плана действий СВМДА по реализации Глобальной контртеррористической стратегии Организации Объединенных Наций (SUM/2022/DRAFT/6);
- Проект решения Саммита о председательстве СВМДА в 2022-2024 гг. и следующих заседаниях Саммита и Совета Министров (SUM/2022/DRAFT/7);
- Проект решения Саммита о председательствах СВМДА в 2022-2026 гг. и следующих заседаниях Саммита и Совета Министров (SUM/2022/DRAFT/8), помещенный под процедуру умолчания сроком до 15.00 по времени Астаны 12 октября 2022 года;
- Решение КСДЛ о списке стран, координирующих и со-координирующих осуществление мер доверия в приоритетных сферах измерений СВМДА;
- Концепции, утвержденные КСДЛ: (1) по развитию безопасных и эффективных систем транспортных коридоров, (2) по человеческому измерению, и (3) по безопасности ИКТ и их использования.

КСДЛ возобновит свое заседание 12 октября 2022 года. Время и место проведения заседания будет сообщено дополнительно.

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

город Астана, 11 октября 2022 г.

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



Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (Азия Кеңесінің) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесінің мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіре отырып, 2022 жылғы 11 қазанда Аға лауазымды тұлғалар комитеті (АЛТК) отырысы барысында қарастырылған келесі құжаттарды жолдауды өзіне мәртебе санайды:

- АЛТК шешімдері;

- Біріккен Ұлттар Ұйымының терроризмге қарсы жаһандық стратегиясын іске асыру жөніндегі Азия Кеңесі іс-қимыл жоспарының жобасы (SUM/2022/DRAFT/6);

- Азия Кеңесінің 2022-2024 жылдардағы Төрағалығы және Саммит пен Министрлер кеңесінің келесі отырыстары туралы Саммит шешімінің жобасы (SUM/2022/DRAFT/7);

- 2022 жылғы 12 қазан Астана уақыты бойынша сағат 15.00-ге дейін үнсіз келісім сақтау тәртібіне еңгізілген Азия Кеңесінің 2022-2026 жылдардағы Төрағалықтары және Саммит пен Министрлер кеңесінің келесі отырыстары туралы Саммит шешімінің жобасы (SUM/2022/DRAFT/8);

- Азия Кеңесі өлшемдерінің басым салаларында сенім шараларын жүзеге асыратын үйлестіруші және тең үйлестіруші елдердің тізімі туралы АЛТК шешімі;

- АЛТК бекіткен тұжырымдамалар: (1) көлік дәліздерінің қауіпсіз және тиімді жүйелерін дамыту бойынша, (2) адами өлшем бойынша, және (3) АКТ пайдалану қауіпсіздігі және АКТ қауіпсіздігі бойынша.

АЛТК өзінің отырысын 2022 жылғы 12 қазанда қайта жалғастырады. Отырыстың уақыты мен орны қосымша хабарланады.

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

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



Senior Officials Committee

Astana, 10-11 October 2022

DECISIONS OF THE SENIOR OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

The Senior Officials Committee (SOC) at its meeting in Astana on 10-12 October 2022 agreed on the following:

1. The SOC approved the draft decision on accession of Kuwait to CICA as a Member State and recommended its adoption by the CICA Summit.
2. The SOC approved the draft Regulations of the CICA Fund and recommended its adoption by the CICA Summit.
3. The SOC approved the draft CICA Leaders' Statement on Cooperation in the Field of Security of and in the Use of ICTs and recommended its adoption by the CICA Summit.
4. The SOC approved the draft CICA Plan of Action on the Implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and recommended its adoption by the CICA Summit.
5. The SOC approved the draft decision on CICA Chairmanship in 2022-2024 and next meetings of the Summit and Ministerial Council and recommended its adoption by the CICA Summit. The SOC also approved, subject to a silence procedure with the deadline of 15:00 by Astana time on 12 October 2022, the draft decision on CICA Chairmanships in 2022-2026 and next meetings of the Summit and Ministerial Council, which, in the event of approval by silence procedure, is recommended for adoption by the CICA Summit instead of the aforementioned draft decision.
6. The SOC approved Kyrgyzstan as Co-coordinator in the priority area "Trade and Investment" and accordingly amended the SOC decision of 15 June

2022 on the list of coordinating and co-coordinating countries for implementing CBMs under priority areas of CICA dimensions.

7. The SOC approved the Concept Paper on Development of Secure and Effective Systems of Transportation Corridors for 2022-2023.

8. The SOC approved the Concept Paper on Human Dimension.

9. The SOC approved the Concept Paper and plan of implementation of the CICA confidence building measure "Security of and in the use of ICTs" for 2022-2023.

10. The SOC approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the CICA Secretariat and the Eurasian Economic Commission and authorized the CICA Executive Director to sign it.



Chairmanship of Kazakhstan

**Draft 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.



Chairmanship of Kazakhstan

DRAFT 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.



Chairmanship of Kazakhstan

DRAFT DECISION OF THE CICA SUMMIT

**on CICA Chairmanships in 2022-2026 and
next meetings of the Summit and Ministerial Council**

The CICA Summit,

- Referring to the recommendations of the Senior Officials Committee,
- Expressing appreciation to Kazakhstan for its CICA Chairmanship in 2020-2022 and for readiness to continue for the next term of 2022-2024,
- Welcoming the offer of the Republic of Azerbaijan to assume CICA Chairmanship for the term of 2024-2026,

Decides that:

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



Senior Officials Committee

Astana, 10-11 October 2022

DECISION OF THE SENIOR OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

List of coordinating and co-coordinating countries for implementing CBMs under priority areas of CICA dimensions

No.	Dimension	Priority Area	Coordinator	Co-coordinator	
1	Military-political		Kazakhstan	Türkiye	
2	New challenges and threats	1	New challenges and threats (general)	Türkiye	Afghanistan
		2	Combating terrorism	India	
		3	Security of and in the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs)	Russian Federation (2022-2023)	China (2022-2023)
		4	Combating illicit drugs	Iran	Afghanistan
		5	Epidemiological safety, public health and pharmaceuticals	Kazakhstan	China Jordan
3	Economic	1	Development of small and medium enterprises (SMEs)	Russian Federation Kazakhstan Thailand Türkiye	
		2	Energy security	Republic of Korea	India
		3	Information technology	Republic of Korea	Bangladesh
		4	Tourism	Tajikistan	Sri Lanka

		5	Development of secure and effective systems of transportation corridors	Azerbaijan	China India
		6	Agriculture	China	
		7	Finance	China	
		8	Trade and Investment		Kyrgyzstan Türkiye
4	Environment	1	Sustainable Development	Thailand	
		2	Natural disaster management	Iran	Bangladesh
		3	Environment protection	Mongolia	Bangladesh China
5	Human			Uzbekistan	China India Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan

As of 11 October 2022

Draft Concept Paper on implementation of CICA Confidence Building Measures in the field of Development of Secure and Effective Systems of Transportation Corridors for 2022-2023

Transportation corridors play an important role for developing trade and economic relations among the countries and continents. They boost local markets, enhance economies and contribute to building confidence and trust among nations.

Geographical location of CICA Member States through Asian continent from north to south and east to west, which includes huge exporters and importers, increases the importance of international transportation corridors.

Safe and effective corridors, with an adequate level of security and simplified border and customs control procedures, facilitate the increase in volumes of trade and transport turnover.

Over the last decade, the realities such as climate change, recent developments in digital transformation, pandemic situation in the world brought about new ways and policies for maintaining and improving connectivity through transport and trade facilitation.

For a more prosperous world, countries undertake responsibilities to support the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. In this regard regional cooperation, exchange of best practices and experiences, consultation, relevant activities and joint projects play a pivotal role in order to achieve the directly transport-related Sustainable Development Goals and targets, as well as to contribute to the implementation of the Agenda, as a whole.

Therefore, the Republic of Azerbaijan, as the coordinator country for the implementation of CBMs in the field of Development of secure and effective systems of transportation corridors, proposes to consider following directions in order to

improve cooperation among CICA Member States in the field of transport for the period of 2022-2023:

- Maintaining smooth running of international transport corridors by defining infrastructure needs and overviewing capacity allocation; developing policies that will generate continued synergy among modes of transport;

- Underlining the geographical location of CICA Member States and their role in supporting safe, and multimodal transport and transit corridors for the efficient movement of goods across Asia;

- Expressing willingness to develop and improve CICA Member States' capabilities to facilitate transport and transit of goods and passengers based on existing national legislations and according to the international conventions and standards of transport, which they are members of;

- Exchange of views among Member States on harmonization of national laws and regulations on the basis of international treaties in the field of transport, adopted under the auspices of the UN and which Member States are parties to;

- Establishing transport-road infrastructure in order to provide participants of transportation process with comprehensive freight forwarding and maintenance services;

- Promoting further development of regional infrastructure projects;

- Taking measures for minimizing physical contacts at border crossings and promoting paperless trade considering application of ITS modern technologies to improve functionality, security and efficiency of corridors;

- Providing smart transportation to facilitate transit procedures and to remove non-physical barriers and formalities in order to develop and achieve secure and efficient transport system;
- Exploration of digital solutions for logistics, infrastructure and freight transport services;
- Introducing logistical solutions for export/import operations, developing an information system and single digital platform for corridors' customers and transport operators;
- Training and development of personnel working in transport sector, and exchange of experience, particularly in smart and green transport, among CICA Member States;
- Encouraging identification of thematic priorities within the area of maritime safety and security, marine environmental protection, facilitation of maritime traffic;
- Exchanging views on improvement in quality management plans for railways projects, including on social and environmental assessment;
- Exchanging views on improving the safety in road transport of goods, including on relevant national standards and best practices of CICA Member States in this field;
- Considering environmental impacts of transport sector, adaptation to climate change and implementation of activities for achieving relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals.

As of 11 October 2022

CONCEPT PAPER
**on Implementation of Confidence Building Measures in the Human
Dimension**

The present Concept Paper is aimed at promoting cooperation among the CICA Member States in the human dimension on the basis of the updated CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures, adopted by the Sixth Ministerial Meeting in October 2021, as well as other basic CICA documents. The Republic of Uzbekistan has volunteered to coordinate confidence building measures in the human dimension.

This Concept Paper provides for the development and implementation of an action plan for the identified CICA confidence building measures. The Concept Paper has the following outline: (I) Objectives; (II) Principles; (III) Approaches.

I. Objectives

1. Peaceful, democratic and sustainable development of the peoples of the CICA countries.

2. Respect and protection of fundamental rights and freedoms set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international human rights conventions to which the Member States are parties, the Almaty Act and other relevant CICA documents.

3. Promoting tolerance and peace among civilizations.

4. Strengthening dialogue among different faiths and religions to improve mutual understanding, harmony and cooperation among people.

5. Creation of a favorable environment for the development of cooperation in the humanitarian area among the peoples of the CICA Member States.

6. Development and strengthening of a civil society based on democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights.

7. Protection and promotion of women's rights, children's rights and the rights of persons with disabilities and other persons in vulnerable situations, in particular to ensure sustainable development, security and stability of the CICA Member States.

8. Sharing experiences on existing best methods of implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

9. Development of cooperation in the field of human rights education, including through the exchange of best experience on implementation of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training.

II. Principles

All decisions related to the implementation of CICA confidence building measures in the human dimension are made through consultations and based on consensus in accordance with the Almaty Act, the Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States, the updated CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures. The participation of Member States in the activities identified by the Action Plan will be carried out on a voluntary basis by ensuring respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and the development of societies based on pluralistic democracy and the rule of law.

III. Approaches

These goals and objectives will be implemented on a gradual, step-by-step approach in accordance with the national legislation and regulations, given the specifics and circumstances of various regions of Asia.

In exercising their sovereign rights, including the right to determine their laws and regulations, they will conform with their legal obligations under international law.

If necessary, bilateral meetings will be held with other Member States that so wish, in order to study issues related to the CICA human dimension, including situations and specific cases in order to resolve them. The time and place of such meetings will be determined by mutual agreement through diplomatic channels.

Draft Concept Paper and plan of implementation of the CICA confidence-building measure "Security of and in the use of ICTs" for 2022-2023

1. Background

The pandemic of a new coronavirus disease COVID-19 has significantly accelerated the processes of integration of ICTs into all spheres of the world community and at the same time has exacerbated threats in the field of security of and in the use of ICTs.

Individuals, businesses and governmental structures are increasingly vulnerable to the challenges in the field of security of and in the use of ICTs with their impact becoming more devastating. Due to cross-border character and scale of such challenges, States cannot address them alone. However, the risks and consequences of threats and challenges of the ICT space hamper the international cooperation.

These issues are of concern to a growing number of countries. As a result, cooperation in the field of security of and in the use of ICTs has been developing in recent years in a number of international organizations, both global, including the UN, and regional, including the ARF, SCO and CIS.

Under these circumstances, there is an increasing need for joint efforts by the CICA Member States to ensure a peaceful and secure ICT environment, reducing risks of ICT-related disagreements and conflicts between them, and exchanging experience and best practices in the field of security of and in the use of ICTs.

Discussion of the issue of "Security of and in the use of ICTs" was enshrined in the CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures, adopted at the CICA Ministerial meeting (Nur-Sultan, 11-12 October, 2021).

2. Objectives of the confidence-building measure

This confidence-building measure is aimed at developing interaction and strengthening cooperation between the CICA Member States on the whole range of issues of ensuring security of and in the use of ICTs, including:

- a) Promoting open, secure, accessible and peaceful ICT environment in Asia on the basis of mutual respect, strengthening contacts and exchanges, deepening dialogue and cooperation, fighting against threats resulting from the malicious use of ICTs.
- b) Promoting dialogue on confidence-building, stability and risk reduction in the field of security of and in the use of ICTs among CICA Member States.
- c) Recognizing the importance of peaceful use of ICTs by reducing misunderstanding between the CICA Member States, promoting trust and confidence.
- d) Sharing information, best practices and raising awareness in the field of security of and in the use of ICTs to address the threats stemming from the use of ICTs.
- e) Improving cooperation to respond to the criminal use of ICTs based on an internationally agreed legal framework.

3. Implementation of the confidence-building measure

The CICA Member States shall, on a voluntarily basis, share their approaches and experience, as well as concerns related to security of and in the use of ICTs.

4. Proposed initiatives

1. Adoption of the CICA leaders' Statement on Cooperation in the field

of Security of and in the Use of ICTs.

2. Holding the online-workshop “Sustainable and safe development of the Internet” in 2022.

3. Holding, the online-workshop “Exchange of experience in the field of digital forensics” in 2023.