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The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Kazakhstan and Embassies of the CICA Member States in Ankara, Beijing, Moscow and Nur-Sultan; and has the honour to circulate the enclosed draft of the *updated Catalogue of CICA CBMs* along with explanatory note proposed by the Chairmanship. The Member States are requested to kindly provide their proposals to the draft by **15 May 2021**.

*Enclosure:  
on 11 p.*

The Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Kazakhstan and Embassies of the CICA Member States the assurances of its highest consideration.

Nur-Sultan, 02 April 2021



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город Нур-Султан, 02 апреля 2021 г.



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# **Explanatory note on draft of updated CICA Catalogue of CBMs**

## **Objectives**

Proposed draft of updated Catalogue of CICA CBMs is the streamlined and updated compilation of Catalogue of CICA CBMs of 2004, Cooperative approach of 2007 and policy paper on military-political dimension of 2013. The draft proposes to merge all these existing documents into one by eliminating all discrepancies in documents. Draft also updates the information and streamlines the text of the documents for clearer understanding on implementation of CBMs.

## **Background**

As we know, the implementation of various CBMs is one of the main functions of CICA to create an atmosphere of confidence among Member States aimed at promoting peace, security and stability in Asia. Presently CICA has three working documents dealing with the provisions of implementation of CBMs – Catalogue of CICA CBMs (2004), Cooperative Approach (2007) and a policy paper on Military-Political dimension (2013).

Catalogue of CICA CBMs of 2004 envisaged various CBMs, divided into five broad dimensions: military-political; fight against new challenges and threats; economic; environmental; and human dimension. Under each of the five dimensions, specific measures for implementation are listed. Although the Catalogue included comprehensive framework of CBMs, but it did not lay down the modalities for implementation; this gap was filled by adopting Cooperative Approach for the implementation of CICA CBMs in 2007, it had included the modalities of their implementation along with CBMs under various dimensions, but it has left out entire Military-Political dimension. In order to fill this gap, a separate policy paper on Military-Political dimension was adopted in 2013.

After studying all three abovementioned documents on CBMs, the following facts are found-

- (i) There are discrepancies in the CBMs listed in the Catalogue and in the Cooperative Approach in terms of wordings, numbers and priorities,
- (ii) Some CBMs are not covered under the Cooperative Approach while the same are listed in Catalogue; and visa-versa,

- (iii) There is a separate policy paper for Military-Political dimension adopted in 2013, similar to the Cooperative Approach, which could be merged into the Cooperative Approach itself.
- (iv) There are many groups of CBMs which are not fitting into any existing areas; therefore, separate areas need to be created in order to accommodate them.

Abovementioned findings were brought into the notice of SWG and SOC by the Executive Director through his report presented during SWG/SOC meetings held on 9 and 11 December 2020. Subsequently, SOC took note of these findings and agreed to hold its meeting dedicated to review the status of implementation of CBMs in the first half of 2021 (as per item 11 of SOC decisions of 11 December 2020).

In this connection, Secretariat has prepared the draft of updated Catalogue of CICA CBMs with given objectives, for the consideration of Chairmanship and Member States.

## **Explanation on proposed amendments/additions-**

### ***Preamble***

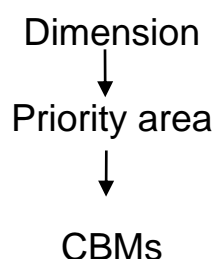
Blue coloured text is proposed to be included in the preamble in order to reflect the adoption of updated Catalogue.

### ***Chapter 1***

- 1.2- New proposal is to include the *area of new challenges and threats* as it was left out in existing document even being one of the five dimension of CICA.
- 1.3, 1.6 and 1.8- deletions are proposed to rephrase the sentences.

### ***Chapter 2***

- Chapter 2 of the document titled as dimensions of cooperation is divided into five dimensions. New Challenges and threats, Economic and Environment dimensions are further divided into various priority areas, and various CBMs fall under priority areas in following manner-



- Order of dimensions in the Chapter is given as per the Catalogue of 2004- Military-Political, New Challenges and threats, Economic, Environment and Human dimensions.
- 2.2 New Challenges and Threats Dimension is divided into three priorities areas- *New Challenges and Threats (general)*, *Combating illicit drugs and Epidemiological safety, public health and pharmaceuticals*.
- Priority area 2.2.1 *New Challenges and Threats (general)* includes multiple issues linked to each other. Presently it is considered as a separate area for which Turkey and Afghanistan respectively are coordinator and co-coordinators.
- 2.2.2 -new formulation is proposed.
- 2.2.5- deletion is proposed in order to make the sentence simpler.
- 2.2.6- the wordings 'illicit drug trafficking' is proposed to be deleted as the issue of illicit drug trafficking is covered under separate priority area titled *Combating illicit drugs* for which Iran and Afghanistan respectively are coordinator and co-coordinators.
- 2.2.7- wordings are proposed to be deleted as the related issues are covered under priority area titled *New Challenges and Threats (general)*.
- *Epidemiological safety, public health and pharmaceuticals* is proposed to be included as new priority area. The CBM under this area has been adopted by the Member States through silence procedure on 15th January 2021. Separate priority area is proposed to be created for the purpose of accommodating the adopted CBM and further CBMs of the similar nature, as existing priority areas of New Challenges and Threats dimension, due the different nature can not accommodate the CBMs related to the issues of epidemiological safety, public health and pharmaceuticals. Therefore, it is required to create the proposed priority area in order to cover these CBMs.
- 2.2.9- new proposal
- 2.3 *Economic dimension* is divided into eight priority areas- Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Energy Security, Information Technology, Tourism, Development of Secure and effective systems of transportation corridors, Agriculture, Finance and Trade and investment, where *Trade and Investment* is proposed to be created as a new priority area, because CBMs related to issues of trade and investment are already mentioned in Cooperative Approach, but these CBMs are not fitting into existing areas of economic dimension due to their different nature, it is required to create the proposed priority area in order to cover these CBMs.

- 2.3.3- new proposal
- 2.3.8- new proposal
- 2.4- *Environment dimension* is divided into three priority areas- Sustainable development, Natural disaster management and Environment protection.
- Priority area *Sustainable Development* is proposed to be shifted from Economic dimension to Environment dimension in a view of its characteristic closeness with Environment dimension.
- *Natural Disaster Management* is already considered as priority area under Environment dimension for which Iran is a coordinating country.
- *Environment Protection* is proposed to be created as a new priority area, as the CBMs related to environment protection are already mentioned in the Cooperative Approach while priority area for the same is not given, therefore its proposed to create a new priority area.
- 2.5.1- new proposal

### **Chapter 3**

Chapter 3 talks about Modalities for implementation of CBMs in priority areas under various dimensions. It's proposed to include 'priority' before 'area', considering the preferences given to certain areas of cooperation under various CICA dimension.

- Under 3 A and B, its proposed to replace 'CBM' with 'priority area', as Implementation of CBMs under a specific priority area is conducted collectively (not individually) by coordinator/co-coordinator, therefore, it is better to say coordinator/co-coordinator for priority area rather an individual CBM.
- Last paragraph under chapter 3 - New formulation

#### ***Annexure-I***

An updated *list of coordinating and co-coordinating countries for implementing CBMs under various priority areas of CICA dimensions* is annexed with the Catalogue.

- The order of items mentioned in the table is proposed to be kept as per the order of dimensions in Catalogue of 2004- Military-Political, New Challenges and threats, Economic, Environment and Human dimensions.

- A column for dimensions is proposed to be included in the table in order to reflect the clearer understanding about priority areas corresponding to each dimension.
- its proposed to replace ' Specific CBM' with 'Priority Area', in column 2 of the table, as item mentioned in this column 2 are priority areas of cooperation but not CBMs.
- *Epidemiological safety, public health and pharmaceuticals areas, Trade and Investment, and Environment Protection* are proposed to be included as priorities areas respectively under New Challenges and Threats, Economic and Environment dimensions. Explanation for this proposal is already given under Chapter 2.

Note-

In draft document-

1. ~~Deletions~~ in the draft reflect deletion of text in existing documents
2. Text in Blue (violet) colour denotes the new proposals/formulations.