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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 the Republic of Kazakhstan and Embassies of the CICA Member States in Ankara, Beijing, Moscow and Nur-Sultan, and in reference to the Secretariat's Note No.17-5/103 dated March 3, 2021 has the honour to communicate the following.

The Secretariat has not received any objections regarding to the enclosed Concept Paper for seminars on scanning systems and other technical equipment employed by the Customs personnel to combat the illicit drug trafficking to be hosted by the Republic of Turkey.

Therefore, it is considered that the Member States endorsed the inclusion of the above-mentioned events to the Plan on implementation of Confidence Building Measures for 2021.

The seminars will be held virtually on June 16 and December 15, 2021. The Secretariat will forward the registration forms for the seminars a month prior to the event's date.

The Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to express appreciation to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey for the additional contribution to the CICA Plan on implementation of Confidence Building Measures for 2021.

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, 14 April 2021

**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение Министерству иностранных дел Республики Казахстан и посольствам государств-членов СВМДА в Анкаре, Москве, Нур-Султане и Пекине, и в отношении ноты Секретариата N 17-5/103 от 3 марта 2021 г. имеет честь сообщить следующее.

Секретариат не получил возражений к прилагаемой Концепции двух семинаров по вопросам сканирующих систем и другого технического оборудования, используемого для борьбы с контрабандой наркотиков при таможенном досмотре, инициированных Республикой Турция.

Таким образом, считается, что государства-члены одобрили включение названных мероприятий в План реализации мер доверия на 2021 г. Семинары будут проведены 16 июня и 15 декабря 2021 г. в виртуальном режиме. Секретариат направит регистрационную форму для участия в работе семинаров за 1 месяц до проведения мероприятий.

Секретариат пользуется возможностью, чтобы поблагодарить Министерство иностранных дел Турции за дополнительный вклад в План реализации мер доверия на 2021 г.

Секретариат пользуется случаем, чтобы возобновить Министерству иностранных дел Республики Казахстан и посольствам государств-членов СВМДА уверения в своем весьма высоком уважении.

город Нур-Султан, 14 апреля 2021 года

**МИНИСТЕРСТВО ИНОСТРАННЫХ ДЕЛ
РЕСПУБЛИКИ КАЗАХСТАН
И
ПОСОЛЬСТВА ГОСУДАРСТВ-ЧЛЕНОВ СВМДА
города Анкара, Москва, Нур-Султан, Пекин**



Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (АӨСШК) Хатшылығы Қазақстан Республикасының Сыртқы істер министрлігіне және Анкара, Бейжің, Мәскеу және Нұр-Сұлтан қалаларындағы АӨСШК мүше мемлекеттерінің елшіліктеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіре отырып, 2021 жылғы 3 наурыздағы №17-5/103 нотасына сілтеме жасай отырып, келесіні хабарлауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

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Хатшылық мүше мемлекеттерден қосымшадағы Түркия Республикасы ұйымдастыратын кедендік тексеріс барысындағы есірткі контрабандасының тасуын болдырмау мақсатында қолданылатын сканер және басқа техникалық құрал-жабдықтар мәселелерін қамтитын екі семинарды өткізу туралы Тұжырымдамасына қатысты ешқандай қарсылық алған жоқ.

Осылайша, мемлекет мүшелер аталмыш іс-шараларды 2021 жылға арналған Сенім шараларды жүзеге асыру жоспарына еңгізуді мақұлдайтынын білдіреді. Семинарлар 2021 жылғы 16 маусым және 15 желтоқсанда онлайн форматында өтетін болады. Хатшылық семинарға қатысу тіркеу формасын іс-шараның белгіленген күніне дейін бір ай бұрын жіберетін болады.

Хатшылық осы мүмкіндікті пайдалана отырып Түркия Республикасының Сыртқы істер министрлігіне АӨСШК-тың 2021 жылға арналған Іс-шаралар жоспарын жүзеге асыруына орасан үлесі қосқаны үшін өзінің зор ілтипатын тағы да растайды.

Хатшылық осы мүмкіндікті пайдалана отырып, Қазақстан Республикасының Сыртқы істер министрлігіне және АӨСШК мүше мемлекеттерінің елшіліктеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын тағы да растайды.

Нұр-Сұлтан қаласы, 2021 жылғы 13 сәуір

**ҚАЗАҚСТАН РЕСПУБЛИКАСЫНЫҢ
СЫРТҚЫ ІСТЕР МИНИСТРЛІГІНЕ
ЖӘНЕ
АӨСШК МҮШЕ МЕМЛЕКЕТТЕРІНІҢ
ЕЛШІЛІКТЕРІНЕ**

Анкара, Бейжің, Мәскеу, Нұр-Сұлтан қалалары

CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES IN ASIA (CICA)

Information Exchange on Scanning Systems, Use of Technical Equipment and Projects

Concept Paper

1. Background and Significance

Volume of international trade is expanding. The social and technological transformation in the world is contributing to a faster transportation of goods and transfer of information while it is also increasing the competitiveness in the market. The new production techniques, which are derived from this technological transformation, forces us to undertake every transaction in an unprecedentedly faster pace.

In order to facilitate this new pace of trade and contribute to private sector's needs to be competitive and efficient in the market, customs administrations are working to be up to date in the context of infrastructure.

In this perspective it is apparent that customs administrations need to use as much technical equipment and automated systems as they can in an effective way. Increasing speed of trade is also making another aspect of international commerce more important which is security. Customs are modernising themselves to reach the effective security measures while trying to facilitate the rapid movement of goods.

Due to these factors our administration is doing its part and following the advancements in technical and administrative aspects in the world through both its own continuing applications and also projects which are realised in a defined period of time.

In order to combat smuggling in customs territory we are using a number of different technical equipment which serves in different areas. For example we are using non-intrusive inspection systems like x-ray scanners for having the visuals of inside of a trailer and also using CO2 measuring devices to detect if any living being is inside without exposing the vehicle to x-ray radiation. As another example to emphasise the diversity of controlled territory, we are using motorboats for maritime patrolling on the other hand we use CCTV cameras to monitor air and land border gates.

We are also benefiting from both national and international projects to increase our administrative capacity through different kinds of multilateral cooperations with various customs administrations and international organisations and also bilateral collaborations with individual countries to elevate our efficiency level of service for improving our both facilitation for trading of goods and fight against illicit traffic.

2. Objective

Considering the reality of the speed of technological developments, experience and information exchange on use of tools is one of the key collaboration areas of CICA, the proposed online meeting will pursue the objectives listed below:

- Interactive exchange of information and experience between customs administrations of CICA members, which holds an utmost importance in this day and age of international trade.
- Sharing both technical and administrative knowledge on equipment use and projects for providing an extra insight to every party in order to improve their services.
- Creating a network among member state customs administrations for continual information sharing about developments on the proposed matters.
- Promoting exchange of experience on applied projects in order to discover best practices.

3. Organizational Matters

Ministry of Trade (DG of Customs Enforcement) of the Republic of Turkey will present its practices. Participants from CICA members will share their practices and experience on the subject. Due to the spread of COVID-19, the meeting will be held online.

4. Suggestions and Expectations

Contribution of relevant experts such as field officers and the specialists who hold the position of assessing the use of technical equipment and also running the administrative and applicative aspects of projects in general is expected.

Information for participants

1. Main Theme

Information Delivery on Scanning Systems, Technical Equipment and Projects

2. Date

Wednesday, 16 June 2021 (11 A.M.-1 P.M.)

Wednesday, 15 December (11 A.M- 1 P.M.)

3. Location

Ankara, Turkey

4. Organization

DG of Customs Enforcement, Ministry of Trade

5. Participant Qualifications

- Field officers who are responsible for the use of scanning systems and technical equipment at border crossing points. Experts who are responsible for assessment of the use of existing equipment and discovering the developing technology.
- Project team members who are responsible for implementing procurement and technical assistance projects.
- Qualified persons should have good command of English language.

6. Technical requirements for participation in the course

Any personnel who are considered fit by their respective agency may participate in the meeting.

7. Registration process

There is no mandatory registration process in order to attend the meeting.

8. Number of Participants

No restrictions on number of participants.

9. Language of the activity

The meeting will be held in English.