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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 circulate the following documents of SWG meeting held on 25 and 27 May 2021:

*Enclosure:
as stated, on 10p.*

1. Recommendations of SWG,
2. List of participants,
3. Chairman's Opening Statement,
4. Chairmanship's introductory remarks on draft of updated Catalogue,
5. Executive Director's introductory remarks on Secretariat's proposal on developing General guideline for conducting CBMs related activities.

Video recordings of full meeting are available at restricted part of Secretariat's website.

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

Nur-Sultan, 28 May 2021

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1. Рекомендации СРГ,
2. Список участников,
3. Вступительное слово Председателя,
4. Вступительное слово Председательства по проекту обновленного Каталога,
5. Вступительное слово Исполнительного директора по предложению Секретариата о разработке Общих руководящих принципов проведения мероприятий, связанных с мерами доверия.

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МЕРАМ ДОВЕРИЯ В АЗИИ**



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2. Қатысушылар тізімі;
3. Төраға мырзаның алғы сөзі;
4. Төраға мырзаның жаңартылған каталог жобасына қатысты сөзі;
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**АЗИЯДАҒЫ ӨЗАРА ІС-ҚИМЫЛ ЖӘНЕ
СЕНІМ ШАРАЛАРЫ КЕҢЕСІНІҢ МҮШЕ
МЕМЛЕКЕТТЕРІ**



Secretariat

RECOMMENDATIONS of the Special Working Group meeting of 25 and 27 May 2021

The Special Working Group at its meeting on 25 and 27 May 2021 made the following recommendations:

1. SWG agreed to hold its next meeting on **2 June 2021** in order to finalize the drafting of the draft updated CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures.
2. SWG took note of the proposal by the Russian Federation to amend the *CICA Rules of Procedure* in relation to the status of observers; and recommended that the Secretariat compile all proposals to be sent by the Member States until **10 June 2021** and circulate the draft of the amended CICA Rules of Procedure for further discussion.
3. SWG took note of the proposal by the Secretariat to develop Guidelines for conducting events on implementation of CICA CBMs; and recommended that the Secretariat compile all proposals to be sent by the Member States until **10 June 2021** and circulate the draft of the “Guidelines for conducting events on implementation of CICA CBMs” for further consideration.

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25 May 2021

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Opening Statement of Chairman of the SWG meeting

**Mr. Zhosykhhan KYRAUBAYEV, the Head of Asia - Pacific
Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan**

May 25, 2021, 14.00 (GMT/UTC+ 06:00)

(Virtual Modality)

Dear delegates,

I thank you all for the constant support of the CICA. The further progress of the CICA process depends only on our common efforts.

Kazakhstan as the Chair will continue to make its best efforts to promote the CICA process jointly with you. The coronavirus pandemic has shown the world that only through cooperation and interaction we can go through this uncertain time and unprecedented challenges.

In this regard, the CICA Catalogue of CBMs is obviously an important tool to deepen cooperation, dialogue and confidence among Member States.

I hope that today's meeting, which will be mainly focused on discussion of the draft of the updated Catalogue, will be productive.

**Introductory remarks on draft Catalogue by Mr. Anuar Tanalinov
Deputy Director of International Security Department of MFA of
Republic of Kazakhstan
at CICA Special Working Group meeting
(25 May 2021, 14:00)**

**Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,**

I have the honour to introduce the draft of updated Catalogue of CICA confidence-building measures to the Special Working Group.

However, the Secretariat had circulated an explanatory note along with draft Catalogue that gives background and objectives of the proposed draft and explains the proposed amendments; kindly let me briefly recap the background, objectives and key ideas of proposing the draft before we launch the discussion on it.

As we know, CICA presently has three working documents dealing with the provisions of implementation of CBMs – **Catalogue of CICA CBMs (2004)**, **Cooperative Approach (2007)** and **Policy paper on Military-Political dimension (2013)**.

Catalogue of CICA CBMs of 2004 envisaged various CBMs, divided into five broad dimensions. 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 were 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 agree to hold dedicated meeting to discuss the issue.

Distinguished delegates,

The proposed draft of updated Catalogue is the streamlined and updated compilation of three existing working documents. The draft proposes to merge three documents into one by eliminating all discrepancies in the documents. Draft also updates the information and streamlines the text for clearer understanding on implementation of CBMs.

The draft is divided into three Chapters namely- **General provisions, Dimensions of cooperation** and **Modalities for implementation of CBMs**. Text of **General provisions** is taken from the Catalogue of 2004 with some minor proposals by Chairmanship and Member States. Chapter two- **Dimensions of cooperation** is divided into five dimensions as in Catalogue of 2004, namely- Military-Political dimension, New Challenges and Threats, Economic, Environment and Human dimension. Further; Economic, New Challenges and threats, and Environment dimensions are divided into eight, three and three priority areas respectively. The text of CBMs given under dimensions and priorities areas is taken from Catalogue of 2004 and Cooperative Approach of 2007 with some amendments and additional proposals by the Member States.

Distinguished delegates,

I would like to draw your kind attention to the **List of coordinating and co-coordinating countries for implementation of CBMs** that was proposed to be annexed to the Catalogue in the draft circulated among

Member States, but taking into account the possibilities of comparatively frequent amendments in the list; the Chairmanship, at the last minute, reconsidered the list not to be annexed to the Catalogue so that it can be separately amended by the SOC when necessary, without amending the Catalogue.

Distinguished delegates,

Chairmanship strongly believes that proposed updated Catalogue will serve as a simplified and updated working document in dealing with the implementation of CBMs.

I wish a constructive and successful discussion on the proposal.

Thank you very much.

Introductory remarks of Executive Director Ambassador K. Sarybay
on the Proposal by the CICA Secretariat to develop
General guidelines for conducting events on
implementation of CICA confidence-building measures
and other forward-looking ideas

(SWG Meeting, 25 May 2021, 14:00)

Thank you Mr. KYRAUBAYEV,

Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am pleased to introduce the proposal of developing general guidelines for conducting events on implementation of CICA confidence-building measures. In this regard, a food-for-thought paper along with a draft of General Guidelines has already been circulated by the Secretariat on 19 May 2021, which contains suggestions on possible elements for such guidelines for conducting CBM events and other forward-looking ideas.

Implementation of confidence building measures (CBMs) is at the core of the CICA process, but so far there are no clearly defined general guidelines or rules for planning and organizing CBM events. The modalities of CBM implementation, contained in the “Cooperative Approach for the Implementation of the CICA CBMs” of 2007, are very general and do not address this matter.

Over the years of CBM implementation, CICA has gained rich experience and established good practices which worth codification in a document to serve as guidelines for all organizers of CBM events. Furthermore, many good lessons were learned, such as Member States’ preference for more inclusive and interactive and more multilateral nature of events and for direct relevance of events to CICA objectives.

Similarly, it has become clear that Member States and Secretariat would benefit from having a clearly defined timeline of event preparation,

including timelines for consideration of the concept paper and circulation of the event programme, organizational modalities and other information.

It is therefore proposed that the Member States consider developing such general guidelines on major aspects of planning and organizing CBM events and adopting by the Senior Officials Committee. Such a document would serve as a very useful consensus-based supplement to the Catalogue and would be a living document, updated by the SOC as necessary.

Dear delegates,

The Secretariat thanks the CICA Chairmanship for supporting this initiative and placing it on the agenda of this meeting for receiving your initial feedback today. Written comments from Member States after this SWG meeting would also be very welcome, including specific proposals on the text of proposed guidelines.

Also, the Secretariat would like to share with some forward-looking ideas regarding possible introduction of a process for follow up and review of CBM implementation. The Secretariat believes that this would further improve the CICA CBMs and modalities of their implementation.

Thank you very much!
