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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

*Enclosure:  
as stated, on 6 p.*

- The draft Regulations of the CICA Council of Eminent Persons and
- The draft general guidelines for conducting events on implementation of CICA confidence building measures, updated on the basis of comments received from Member States, for consideration at the SWG and SOC meetings on 21 and 23 June 2021.

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

Nur-Sultan, 18 June 2021

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Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и имеет честь препроводить

- проект положения о Совете мудрецов СВМДА и
- проект общих руководящих принципов проведения мероприятий по осуществлению мер доверия СВМДА,

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обновленных на основе комментариев, полученных от государств-членов, для рассмотрения на заседаниях СРГ и КСДЛ 21 и 23 июня 2021 года.

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

город Нур-Султан, 18 июня 2021 г.

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



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Нұр-Сұлтан қаласы, 2021 жылғы 18 маусым

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

**Regulations of the Council of Eminent Persons  
of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures  
in Asia (CICA)**

**Article 1  
General provisions**

1.1. These Regulations define the framework for the activities, structure and *modi operandi* of the Council of Eminent Persons of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (hereinafter referred to as the Council of Eminent Persons).

1.2. The Council of Eminent Persons is an advisory body of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (hereinafter referred to as CICA).

1.3. The Council of Eminent Persons is designed to develop and provide advice on a wide range of issues of interaction and development within the framework of CICA.

1.4. The Council of Eminent Persons shall work on the basis of the principle of consensus, voluntariness and the common desire of the Member States for peace and progress and perform its functions in accordance with the principles set out in the Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States (1999), the goals set out in the Almaty Act (2002), in accordance with the CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures (2004) and these Regulations.

1.5. The advice of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be adopted by consensus and shall not be binding on the Member States and CICA structures.

1.6. The CICA Secretariat shall perform the functions of the Secretariat of the Council of Eminent Persons, including by providing organizational, technical and administrative support.

**Article 2  
Functions of the Council of Eminent Persons**

2.1. The Council of Eminent Persons shall perform its functions at the request of the CICA Summit, Ministerial Meeting or the CICA Chairmanship and provide advice on a wide range of issues of interaction and development

of CICA, including strengthening of peace and security, implementation of confidence building measures, further directions and priorities of CICA activities.

2.2. The Council of Eminent Persons may draw the attention of the Chairmanship to certain issues that, in its opinion, deserve consideration by the CICA governing bodies.

### **Article 3**

#### **Membership in the Council of Eminent Persons**

3.1. The Head of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be appointed from among the former heads of state or government of CICA, who enjoy high credibility, have wide international recognition and have made a significant contribution to the development of CICA.

3.1.1. The candidacy for the Head of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be recommended by the Chairmanship and approved by the Summit at the meeting or by the silence procedure.

3.1.2. The Head of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be appointed for a term of 5 years, with the possibility of extending his/her powers for the next term by a decision of the Summit, adopted at the meeting or by the silence procedure.

3.1.3. In case of early termination of the powers of the Head of the Council of Eminent Persons, the Chairmanship shall recommend a new candidate.

3.2. The Members of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be appointed from among prominent political and public figures, scholars and other eminent personalities from the CICA Member States.

3.2.1. Candidates for membership in the Council of Eminent Persons shall be nominated by the Head of the Council of Eminent Persons. The Chairmanship shall recommend candidates from among the nominees for approval by the Senior Officials Committee.

3.2.2. The Members of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be appointed for a term of 5 years, with the possibility of extending their powers for the next term by re-nominating them and appointing them in accordance with para. 3.2.1.

3.2.3. In case of early termination of the powers of a Member of the Council of Eminent Persons, the Head of the Council of Eminent Persons shall nominate a new candidate.

3.3. The Head of the Council of Eminent Persons and the Members of the Council of Eminent Persons, at the invitation of the Chairmanship and with

the consent of the Member States, may participate in the meetings of the CICA governing bodies to provide recommendations on certain issues.

#### **Article 4**

#### **Head of the Council of Eminent Persons**

4.1. The Head of the Council of Eminent Persons shall perform the following functions:

4.1.1. Provide overall coordination and leadership in the Council of Eminent Persons.

4.1.2. Convene and preside over the meetings of the Council of Eminent Persons.

4.1.3. Coordinate the interaction of the Council of Eminent Persons with the CICA Chairmanship, Member States and institutions.

4.1.4. Form the agenda of the meeting of the Council of Eminent Persons.

#### **Article 5**

#### **Advisory Group**

5.1. The Advisory Group shall be a subsidiary structure of the Council of Eminent Persons, providing advisory, expert and analytical support to the Council of Eminent Persons at its request.

5.2. The Members of the Advisory Group shall be nominated by the Member States and approved by the Senior Officials Committee.

5.3. Candidates for the Advisory Group shall be nominated from among the citizens of the CICA Member States, who have the necessary competence, experience and knowledge in various areas of CICA activities.

5.4. The Advisory Group shall include experts and specialists in the five dimensions of CICA interaction. In this regard, each Member State may nominate up to five candidates to the Group.

5.5. The Council of Eminent Persons shall invite certain Members of the Advisory Group to provide support on specific issues.

5.6. At the invitation of the Head of the Council of Eminent Persons, certain Members of the Advisory Group may participate in the meetings of the Council of Eminent Persons.

## **Article 6**

### **Organizational matters**

6.1. Meetings of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be convened by the Head of the Council of Eminent Persons to discuss the issues put before the Council of Eminent Persons.

6.2. The Council of Eminent Persons shall meet on an ad hoc basis.

6.3. The format, place and date of the meeting of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be determined by the Head of the Council of Eminent Persons after consultations with the Chairmanship and the Executive Director.

6.4. The draft agenda for the meetings of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be developed by the Executive Director under the direction of the Head of the Council of Eminent Persons and distributed in advance to the Members of the Council of Eminent Persons.

## **Article 7**

### **Financing of the Council of Eminent Persons**

7.1. The organizational expenses related to the meetings of the Council of Eminent Persons, as well as the expenses of the Head and Members of the Council of Eminent Persons for travel to the meeting venue, accommodation and meals shall be covered by the funds of the CICA Secretariat, the host party, as well as from other sources.

7.2. The expenses of the Members of the Advisory Group for travel to the meeting venue, accommodation and meals shall be covered by the sending party.

## **Article 8**

### **Final provisions**

8.1. The working languages of the meetings of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be English and Russian.

8.2. The language of the official documents of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be English.

8.3. These Regulations shall be approved by the CICA Foreign Ministers and enter into force from the date of its adoption.

8.4. The Senior Officials Committee may introduce additions and amendments into these Regulations.

**DRAFT DECISION  
OF THE CICA SENIOR OFFICIALS COMMITTEE**

**General guidelines for conducting events on  
implementation of CICA confidence building measures**

The Senior Officials Committee,

Decides that the following general guidelines are recommended for application in practical activities on implementation of CICA confidence building measures (CBMs):

1. It should be ensured that any activity on implementation of CICA CBMs (hereinafter referred to as “event” or “CICA event”) is conducted purely within the CICA framework and within its area of responsibility, and its subject should be directly relevant to a specific CICA CBM, priority area or CICA dimension of interaction, and be of interest to as broad as possible range of CICA Member States;
2. Before the end of the calendar year, the Senior Officials Committee (SOC) shall approve an Annual Plan of Implementation of CBMs for the following year and will update it as necessary.
3. When planning any CICA event, the organizing Member State should submit, before 1 October, to the CICA Secretariat preliminary information about the event, including its brief concept, expected title, purpose, format, organizer(s), time, venue and other available information about the event, for its inclusion in the CICA Annual Plan of Implementation of CBMs for the following year.
4. It should be ensured that the CICA event is not repetitive but incremental in nature in order to constantly enhance the implementation of CBMs.
5. The concept paper of the CICA event should be shared by the host country with all Member States through the Secretariat at least 60 days prior to the event, for comments.
6. The concept paper should include the event’s objectives and expected outcomes, subject and themes, justification of relevance to specific area or dimension of CICA, including the event’s contribution to implementation of CICA CBMs, information about expected participants and measures to ensure inclusiveness, as well as dates and venue.



7. At the time of circulation of the concept paper to all Member States, they should be given a reasonable time to comment on the paper, and the organizer of the CICA event should take these comments into consideration in preparation of the event.

8. The programme and format of the CICA event should provide interactive sessions for participants from Member States in order to make it as inclusive and multilateral as possible. Depending on the purpose and theme of the event, the organizers are encouraged to ensure as diverse as possible participation of representatives of Member States, including among invited speakers.

9. Participation of non-member States and other international organizations, including CICA observers, should be indicated in the concept paper of the CICA event and be conditional on the absence of formal objection from any Member State.

10. A tentative programme of the event should be shared with all Member States through the Secretariat at least 45 days prior to the event, or 30 days in case of virtual events. A final programme and organizational modalities must be issued at least 30 days prior to the event, or 15 days in case of virtual events.

11. In case of virtual or hybrid modality, the link of the online platform of the event, along with contact details of the focal point on technical issues, should be circulated at least 7 days prior to the event.

12. Following the CICA event, the organizer of the event should provide to the Secretariat a summary report for circulation to all Member States, as well as the list of participants for the record of the Secretariat and all relevant material for the Secretariat's use in publicizing the event through its website and for keeping good record of the event.