



**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

- Recommendations of the Special Working Group (SWG) meeting as of 21-22 June 2021;
- Draft Regulations of the CICA Council of Eminent Persons recommended by the SWG for approval by the Senior Officials Committee (SOC);
- Draft Decision of the SOC on General Guidelines for Conducting Events on Implementation of CICA Confidence Building Measures recommended by the SWG for approval by the SOC;
- Draft Decision of the SOC on the List of Coordinating and Co-coordinating Countries for Implementing CBMs under Priority Areas of CICA Dimensions recommended by the SWG for approval by the SOC;
- List of participants in the SWG meeting as of 21-22 June 2021.

*Enclosure:
as stated, on 14 p.*

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

Nur-Sultan, 22 June 2021

**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:

- Рекомендации заседания Специальной рабочей группы (СРГ) от 21-22 июня 2021 г.;

- Рекомендованный СРГ для утверждения Комитетом старших должностных лиц (КСДЛ) проект Положения о Совете мудрецов СВМДА;

- Рекомендованный СРГ для утверждения КСДЛ проект решения КСДЛ об Общих руководящих принципах проведения мероприятий по осуществлению мер доверия СВМДА;

- Рекомендованный СРГ для утверждения КСДЛ проект решения КСДЛ о списке стран координаторов и со-координаторов по осуществлению мер доверия в рамках приоритетных сфер измерений СВМДА;

- Список участников заседания СРГ от 21-22 июня 2021 г.

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

город Нур-Султан, 22 июня 2021 г.

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



Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (АӨСШК) Хатшылығы АӨСШК мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіре отырып, келесі құжаттарды жолдауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

- 2021 жылғы 21-22 маусымдағы Арнайы жұмыс тобы (АЖТ) отырысының барысында белгілінген ұсыныстары;

- Аға лауазымды тұлғалар комитетінің (АЛТК) мақұлдауына арналған АЖТ ұсынып отырған АӨСШК Ақылмандар Алқасының ережелер жобасы;

- АЛТК мақұлдауына арналған АЖТ ұсынып отырған АӨСШК сенім шараларын жүзеге асыру жөніндегі іс-шараларды өткізудің жалпы басшылық қағидаттарының жобасы;

- АЛТК мақұлдауына арналған АЖТ ұсынып отырған АӨСШК өлшемдерінің басым салаларындағы сенім шараларды жүзеге асыру жөніндегі үйлестіруші мен тең үйлестірушілер тізіміне қатысты АЛТК шешім жобасы;

- 2021 жылғы 21-22 маусымдағы АЖТ отырысының қатысушылар тізімі.

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

Нұр-Сұлтан қаласы, 2021 жылғы 22 маусым

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

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аталған 14 п.*



Secretariat

RECOMMENDATIONS of the Special Working Group meeting of 21 and 22 June 2021

1. The Special Working Group will continue discussion of the draft of the CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures.
2. The Special Working Group recommends to the Senior Officials Committee that it approve as Co-coordinators for implementation of CBMs:
 - China and Jordan in the priority area «Epidemiological safety, public health and pharmaceuticals»,
 - China in the priority area «Development of secure and effective systems of transportation corridors»,
 - Bangladesh in the priority area «Natural disaster management», and
 - China in the human dimension.
3. The Special Working Group recommends to the Senior Officials Committee that it approve the List of coordinating and co-coordinating countries for implementing CBMs under priority areas of CICA dimensions.
4. The Special Working Group recommends to the Senior Officials Committee that it approve the draft of the Regulations of the CICA Council of Eminent Persons and recommend its adoption by the Ministers of Foreign

Affairs of the CICA Member States.

5. The Special Working Group recommends to the Senior Officials Committee that it adopt the General guidelines for conducting events on implementation of CICA confidence building measures.

6. The Special Working Group will continue discussions on the draft Regulations of the CICA Think Tank Forum at SWG meetings.

7. The Special Working Group recommends to the Senior Official Committee to consider and, in absence of objections, approve the proposal of the Russian Federation on amendments to the CICA Rules of Procedure on the status of observers.

**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, when required, provide the Council of Eminent Persons with 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 and report to 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. The advice of the Council of Eminent Persons shall be circulated to all Member States through the Secretariat.

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 or other prominent political and public figures of CICA Member States, 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 in consultation with Member States and approved by the Summit 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 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 in accordance with provisions of p.3.1.1.

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 on the basis of consensus and voluntary participation.

3.2.1. Candidates for membership in the Council of Eminent Persons shall be nominated by CICA Member States and nominations shall be submitted 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.

3.3. 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 on the basis of consensus and voluntary participation.

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 related to their field of competence.

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 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. Inclusion of an event in the Annual Plan does not mean automatic approval of its concept.
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, organizer(s) 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, not exceeding three weeks, 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 based on the principle of consensus. Invitation for participation of non-member States should be given through government channel and issued by the organizing Member State after approval by the CICA Member States through the Secretariat.

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 should 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.

**DRAFT 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	Turkey
2	New challenges and threats	1 New challenges and threats (general)	Turkey	Afghanistan
		2 Combating terrorism		
		3 Security of and in the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs)		
		4 Combating illicit drugs	Iran	Afghanistan
		5 Epidemiological safety, public health and pharmaceuticals		China Jordan
3	Economic	1 Development of small and medium enterprises (SMEs)	Russia	Kazakhstan Thailand Turkey
		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		
4	Environment	1	Sustainable Development	Thailand	
		2	Natural disaster management	Iran	Bangladesh
		3	Environment protection	Mongolia	Bangladesh China
5	Human			Uzbekistan	China Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan

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