



**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 the latest versions of the following documents as of the time of suspension of the Special Working Group (SWG) meeting on 14 September 2021:

- 1) Draft Declaration of the Sixth CICA Ministerial Meeting;
- 2) Draft updated CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures;
- 3) Draft Regulations of the CICA Think Tank Forum.

*Enclosure:  
as stated, on 30 p.*

The SWG meeting will resume on 15 September 2021 at 14:00 by Nur-Sultan time (GMT+6 hours) to continue consideration of its agenda.

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

Nur-Sultan, 14 September 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 последние версии следующих документов по состоянию на момент перерыва в заседании Специальной рабочей группы (СРГ) 14 сентября 2021 года:

- 1) Проект Декларации шестой Министерской встречи СВМДА;
- 2) Проект обновленного Каталога мер доверия СВМДА;
- 3) Проект Положения о Форуме аналитических центров СВМДА.

Заседание СРГ возобновит свою работу 15 сентября 2021г. в 14:00 по времени г. Нур-Султан (GMT+6 часов) для продолжения рассмотрения своей повестки дня.

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

город Нур-Султан, 14 сентября 2021 г.

**ГОСУДАРСТВА-ЧЛЕНЫ  
СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ И  
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Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (АӨСШК) Хатшылығы АӨСШК мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіре отырып, 2021 жылғы 14 қыркүйекте өткен Арнаулы жұмыс тобы (АЖТ) отырысы барысында қарастырылған келесі құжаттардың соңғы нұсқаларын жолдауды өзіне мәртебе санайды:

- 1) АӨСШК Сыртқы істер министрлерінің алтыншы кездесу декларациясының жобасы;
- 2) АӨСШК жаңартылған Сенім шаралары каталогының жобасы;
- 3) АӨСШК Талдау орталықтар форумы ережелерінің жобасы.

АЖТ өзінің күн тәртібі бойынша жұмысын 2021 жылғы 15 қыркүйекте Нұр-Сұлтан қаласының уақытымен сағат 14.00-де (GMT+6 сағат) қайта жалғастырады.

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

Нұр-Сұлтан қаласы, 2021 жылғы 14 қыркүйек

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



**DRAFT DECLARATION**  
**of the Sixth Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Conference**  
**on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia**

We, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA),

*Having met* in Nur-Sultan, Republic of Kazakhstan, for the Sixth Meeting of the CICA Ministers of Foreign Affairs, when the situation in the world, including Asia, requires close interaction, exchange of views, joint response to new challenges and threats, peaceful settlement of conflicts and stronger confidence building measures;

*Highly appreciating*, on the eve of the 30th anniversary of CICA, the personal role of the CICA Founder, First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan – Leader of the Nation Nursultan Nazarbayev, who initiated CICA and made a significant contribution to the development of the CICA process and common efforts for peace, security and cooperation in Asia;

*Reaffirming* our commitment to the Charter of the United Nations, universally recognized norms and principles of international law, being guided by the principles of CICA enshrined in the Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States of 14 September 1999 and the Almaty Act of 4 June 2002;

*Recognizing* the central role of the United Nations as a universal multilateral organization in changing circumstances of the international system;

*Bearing in mind* the concept of common, comprehensive, cooperative, sustainable, indivisible and equal security;

*Recognizing* that Asia, as the largest region in the world with the potential to transform into the driving force behind global progress, should inevitably become a strong commonwealth of independent nations, pursuing common goals, [solving its own internal problems all by itself] (-ROK) (-IND) and contributing to global peace and security;

*Stressing* that CICA, as an intergovernmental forum with the largest geographical reach in the Asian region and a comprehensive agenda, is [a relevant platform] (+CHAIR) to consolidate the collective wisdom of Asian countries in the interests of peace, cooperation, security and development, and to ensure their full inclusion in the global multilateral decision-making processes;

*Conscious of the fact* that the world community faces numerous new challenges and threats, including those of epidemiological nature;

*Realizing* that the challenges in the CICA area of responsibility are complex and interrelated and require stronger cooperation among the Member States and effective implementation of confidence building measures in all dimensions;

*Considering* Asia's rich cultural diversity and the importance of promoting intercultural harmony through increased people-to-people contacts and interaction;

*Being committed* to the main goal and directions of CICA activities to strengthen cooperation through the development of multilateral approaches to promoting peace, security and stability in Asia;

*DECLARE THE FOLLOWING:*

## I

1. We are convinced that effective multilateral cooperation based on the principles stipulated in the UN Charter, as well as in the Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States and the Almaty Act, is an important element in maintaining regional and international peace and security. We will undertake joint efforts to further develop CICA in order to implement effective consensus-based approaches to security and cooperation. We underscore the need, at the current international and regional circumstances, for strengthened unity and increased effectiveness of CICA, given the emerging threats and challenges to the peace, security, and sustainable development in our region.

[1a. We reemphasize that cooperation in the CICA region will be based on respect for the principles of sovereign equality, territorial integrity, political independence, non – interference in internal affairs, peaceful co-existence, mutual benefit and refraining from the threat or use of force against territorial integrity or political independence of any state , or in any other manner inconsistent with principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations.] (+AZER)

2. We affirm our commitment to the principles of the UN Charter and international law for the peaceful settlement of disputes [among CICA Member States] (+AZER) [. The parties to any dispute must immediately start negotiations to resolve it] (-IND) in accordance with the principles stipulated in the UN Charter, the Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States, the Almaty Act and international law. [We oppose the unilateral sanctions.] (+CHN)

[2a. We reaffirm the importance of promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms. The process of promoting and protecting human rights should be conducted in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the UN, the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and international law. At the same time, we should take into account the history, culture, social system and economic and social development level of all countries, respect the human rights development path independently chosen by the people of all countries, treat all kinds of human rights including the right to development equally, promote and protect human rights in a non-selective, non-political and constructive manner, and avoid double standards.]

(+CHN)

[2b. CICA parties are willing to continue to deepen cooperation on confidence building measures in various fields, explore the construction of an open, inclusive regional security framework based on multilateralism and recognized principles of international law, promote the construction of a new type of international relations featuring mutual respect, fairness, justice and win-win cooperation, and build a community with a shared future for mankind based on the principle of "common consultation, joint construction and sharing".] (+CHN)

[2c. We stress that armed conflict, terrorism, separatism, and extremism coupled with human rights abuses, financial crises and environmental degradation continue to affect the lives of millions of people around the world.] (+IRAN)

3. [When conditions are ripe, we] (+CHN) (-CHAIR) [We] (-CHN) support [continued dialogue on] (+THA) (-CHAIR) [the proposal by the CICA Chairman-in-Office to conduct strategic discussions on] (+RU) the [concept of] (+IRAN) [discussion regarding the] (+ISR) transformation of CICA into an international organization for regional security in Asia [, request the CICA Chairmanship to prepare a concept paper on transformation and to conduct structured discussions on this issue [, and task the Senior Officials Committee with preparing a relevant decision of the 2022 CICA Summit Meeting.]] (-CHN) (-ISR) (-RU) *(IRAN: It would be more appropriate to move this Para. with the amendment to the Section IV as the first Para.)*

[3new. We support the proposal by the CICA Chairman-in-Office on transformation of CICA into an international organization for regional security in Asia, which will be preceded and accompanied by structured discussions on this issue.] (+CHAIR)

## II

[3a. [As a state party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,] (-IRAN) CICA Member States [- Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons] (+IRAN) reaffirm their commitment to maintaining and strengthening the effectiveness, universality and authority of

the treaty, promoting the three pillars of the treaty in a comprehensive and balanced manner, and promoting the success of the tenth Review Conference of the treaty.] (+CHN) (-IND) (-ISR)

4. We are concerned about the risks associated with the proliferation [and modernization] (+IRAN) of nuclear, radiological, chemical and biological weapons and the means of their delivery, and we call for broad cooperation of all stakeholders in the interests of ensuring [nuclear] (+THA) biological and chemical security [in a regional and global context] (-IND) , based on the principles of [[the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)]] (+THA) (-ISR) the Geneva Protocol, the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) and the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC)[, taking into account their respective membership] (+EGY). [[We also call for further cooperation in the field of nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament through efforts in the context of Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and other relevant fora.]] (+TUR) (-ISR)

[4a. We reiterate our firm support for a comprehensive agreement on the Iranian nuclear issue, support the restoration of its integrity and effective implementation through political and diplomatic means, and call on all parties concerned to make a correct decision and push the comprehensive agreement back on track at an early date.] (+CHN) (-ISR)

5. We recognize the inalienable right of all states to develop and use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, including energy generation, subject to appropriate observance of their non-proliferation obligations and obligations arising from agreements to which they are parties.

[5a. We note the concern about the prospect of weaponization and an arms race in outer space. We recognize that negotiations for the conclusion of an international agreement or agreements to prevent an arms race in outer space remain an important agenda of the Conference on Disarmament. We note the introduction, by the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation at the Conference on Disarmament, of the draft Treaty on the Prevention of the placement of weapons in outer space and of the threat or use of force against outer space objects in 2008 and the submission of its updated version in 2014. We reiterate that the Conference on Disarmament, as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum, has the primary role in the negotiation of a



multilateral agreement or agreements, as appropriate, on the prevention of an arms race in outer space in all its aspects.] (+CHN)

[5b. We underline the importance of ensuring safety and security of outer space activities, use of outer space for peaceful purposes and prevention of an arms race in outer space, as provided for by the First Special Session of the UNGA for Disarmament in 1978.] (+RU)

[5c. We express deep concern that the indiscriminate use of landmines, explosive remnants of war and improvised explosive devices in armed conflicts threatens the peace, security and stability of States, hinders post-conflict rehabilitation, reconstruction and peacebuilding efforts, and recognize the positive contribution that mine action activities make to stabilization and peace sustainment efforts in the aftermath of conflict, and in this regard, we call upon Member States, and relevant United Nations entities, in accordance with their mandates, as well as international actors and civil society, and relevant stake holders, in a position to do so, to provide assistance to clear landmines, explosive remnants of war and improvised explosive devices, upon request of the affected CICA Member-States.] (+AZER)

6. We strongly condemn terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and express our deep concern about the security challenges in Asia and beyond, caused by the terrorist threat and the actions of terrorist organizations. [We reiterate that counter-terrorism should not adopt "double standards". Comprehensive measures such as education, socio-economic development, skills training, employment promotion and poverty reduction should be taken to eliminate the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism.] (+CHN) [We reaffirm that terrorism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or ethnicity.] (+IRAN) [In this regard,] (-IRAN) [We] (+IRAN) [[we] (-IRAN) express our support for further] (-RU) [reiterate our commitment to work together to prevent and suppress terrorist acts through increased international solidarity and cooperation, in full recognition of the UN's central role, and in accordance with UN Charter and obligations under international law, as well as through the full] (+RU) implementation of [UN Security Council Resolutions and] (+RU) the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy [and for the central coordinating role of the United Nations] (+CHN) in the CICA area of responsibility.

[6a. We support preserving and strengthening the values of multilateralism and international cooperation as the fundamental prerequisite for promoting and supporting the CICA process.] (+IRAN)

7. We emphasize the need to [undertake] (+IND) [strengthen] cooperation within the CICA framework in the area of information security [, acknowledging the leading role of the United Nations in the decision-making process in this sphere,] (+RU) and reaffirm our commitment to jointly counter the use of information and communication technology for purposes harmful to international peace, stability and security.

[7a. We believe that data security is a matter of national security of all the Member States, public interest and personal rights, call on the Member States on the basis of universal participation, achieve global data security rules that reflect the wishes of all the Member States and respect the interests of all parties. In this regard, Global Initiative on Data Security can serve as a useful foundation.] (+CHN)

[8. We note that the COVID-19 pandemic has a serious negative impact on the socio-economic situation of the Member States and is detrimental to the development gains. We recognize the importance of joining the efforts of the international community to overcome global political and socio-economic consequences of the pandemic, as well as to strengthen the health system in the world. [We note that the cooperation on study of origins of the SARS-COV-2 is an important aspect of the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. We support science-based, inclusive of broad expertise, transparent, and timely processes, free from politicization or interference, to strengthen international capabilities to better understand the emergence of novel pathogens and to help prevent future pandemics.]] (+CHN) (-TUR)

[8new. We are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic, the most serious public health challenge of modern times, has complex negative impact on the socio-economic situation of the Member States and is detrimental to the development gains. We recognize the importance of joining the efforts of the international community to overcome global political and socio-economic consequences of the pandemic, as well as to strengthen the health systems throughout the world in a spirit of cooperation and solidarity. We highly appreciate and support the pivotal role of the WHO in this respect.] (+TUR)

9. We express our commitment to [accelerate] (+CHN) the implementation of the [global] (-CHN) 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations [and its Sustainable Development Goals [based on national policies and circumstances of each Member State] (+IRAN) with the aim to] (-CHN) [,] (+CHN) improve the quality of life of the Member States' population and [enhance the implementation of] (-CHN) [share] (+CHN) the best international practices [of development, and promote stronger, greener, healthier global development] (+CHN).

10. We note the importance of strengthening cooperation in the field of environmental protection, [mitigation] (+THA) [counteraction] (-THA) and adaptation to climate change, [+emergency management,] (+CHN) [sustainable energy] (+RU) transition[s] (+RU) [to clean energy] (-RU), sustainable water management, biodiversity conservation and [preservation of the Earth's ecosystems resilience] (-CHN) [ecological protection and restoration, foster a community of life for man and nature] (+CHN). We welcome global initiatives to [promote green and low-carbon development] (+CHN) [promote low or zero emissions development] (+RU) [[decarbonize the economy]] (-CHN) (-RU), stimulate green investment and [[reduce [systematically]]] (-RU) (-CHN) [+promote the green transformation of] (+CHN) [carbon-intensive industries]] (-THA) (-RU) (-TUR) [all polluting emissions into the atmosphere] (+RU). [, that needs more global attention to mobilize means of implementation especially finance to achieve the 100-billion dollar goal annually.] (+EGY) [systematically support transition of carbon-intensive industries towards low-carbon economy] (+THA) [struggle to reduce systematically carbon-intensive industries by taking the development policies and priorities of countries into account.] (+TUR)

[11. We recognize the importance of digital transformation in our countries, including the adoption of digital technologies to cope with impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and [+E-commerce to] (+CHN) facilitate economic recovery. Effective integration of digital technologies will contribute to the well-being of all Member States.] (-TUR)

[11new. We recognize the importance of digital transformation in our countries, including the adoption of digital technologies to cope with impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and facilitate economic recovery. Effective

integration of digital technologies will contribute to the recovery efforts in all Member States.] (+TUR)

[12. We emphasize the need to further deepen our cooperation in the sector of transport and logistics, establish new and [exploit] (-THA) [fully utilized] (+THA) the potential of the existing multimodal transport corridors, [and] (+THA) logistics centers, [designed] (-THA) [as well as promote the use of sophisticated technology, digitalization in particular,] (+THA) to ensure sustainable economic development and strengthen connectivity of the Member States.] (-TUR)

[12 new. We underline the strategic importance of interconnectivity for trade and development and we stress the need to [exploit] (-THA) [fully utilized] the potential of the existing multimodal transport corridors, logistics centers, [designed] (-THA) [as well as promote the use of sophisticated technology, digitalization in particular,] (+THA) to ensure sustainable economic development and strengthen connectivity of the Member States.] (+TUR)

13. We believe that an open world economy is essential and we remain committed to a [open,] (+CHN) transparent, non-discriminatory, inclusive and rule-based multilateral trading system, built around the World Trade Organization, and strongly oppose all forms of [unilateralism and] (+CHN) protectionism [implemented contrary to the WTO agreements and other relevant international law]. (+TUR) [We actively promote the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC12) to achieve positive results, start the selection process of the Appellate Body as soon as possible, and restore the two-instance dispute settlement mechanism.] (+CHN) [We express our grave concern over the promulgation and application of unilateral coercive measures in violation of the Charter of the United Nations and international law as a serious threat to an inclusive, rule-based, and non-discriminatory multilateral trading system.] (+IRAN)

14. We are convinced that diversity of cultures and cultural heritage of the Member States is a valuable asset of CICA, and we advocate further strengthening of cultural ties, development of inter-civilizational dialogue, strengthening of contacts in the fields of education, science and humanities among the Member States.

[14a. We are committed to strengthening sports exchanges and cooperation among Member States, oppose the politicization of sports, wish the important international sports events to be held in Asia a complete success, including Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games, Gangwon 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games, and the 19th Asian Games.] (+CHN)

*DISCUSSION SUSPENDED*

[15new. We emphasize that restoring peace and economic development in Afghanistan is key for security and stability in the CICA area. We encourage Afghans in their efforts to implement broadly inclusive and representative policies. Emphasizing the right of all Afghan people to live in safety, security and with dignity, we stand ready to support the efforts of the international community to assist the Afghan people. We also underscore that Afghanistan should not become a safe haven for terrorist groups. We stand for united, sovereign, and prosperous Afghanistan that exists in harmony with its neighbors. We commend the generous hospitality offered by the neighboring countries to the displaced citizens of Afghanistan in the past and during the current crisis.] (+CHAIR)

15. We support the [restoration of peace, economic development and the fight against terrorism] (+CHN) [efforts of [the government and people] (-CHN) of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan [aimed at] (-THA) [all parties in] (+THA) restoring peace, economic development and countering terrorism] (-CHN) [in Afghanistan] (+THA). We emphasize that the resolution of the conflict in Afghanistan must be carried out on the basis of an Afghan-led, Afghan-owned [inclusive] (+CHN) political dialogue [and inclusive peace process] (-CHN) and call on all interested states and international organizations to increase cooperation with the coordinating role of the UN [to establish an inclusive government with the participation of all ethnic groups in Afghanistan. (+IRAN)].

[15new. We monitor closely the developments in Afghanistan and call for the full restoration of security and civil order and the overall protection of fundamental human rights and freedom. Having taken note of the caretaker

Government announced on 7 September 2021, we call for the implementation of broadly inclusive and representative policies. Emphasizing the right of all Afghan people to live in safety, security and with dignity, we stand ready to support the efforts of the international community to assist the Afghan people. We also underscore that Afghanistan should not become a safe haven for terrorist groups.] (+TUR)

[15new. We encourage people of Afghanistan in their efforts to achieve sustainable peace and reconciliation in Afghan society. We stand for peaceful, secure, united, sovereign, stable and prosperous Afghanistan that exists in harmony with its neighbors. We note the importance of humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan and facilitation of post-conflict reconstruction of Afghan economy] (+RU).

[15. We support the [restoration of peace, economic development and the fight against terrorism] (+CHN) [efforts of [the government and people] (-CHN) of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan [aimed at] (-THA) [all parties in] (+THA) restoring peace, economic development and countering terrorism] (-CHN) [in Afghanistan] (+THA). We emphasize that the resolution of the conflict in Afghanistan must be carried out on the basis of an Afghan-led, Afghan-owned [inclusive] (+CHN) political dialogue [and inclusive peace process] (-CHN) and call on all interested states and international organizations to increase cooperation with the coordinating role of the UN] (-TUR) [to establish an inclusive government with the participation of all ethnic groups in Afghanistan. (+IRAN)].

[15a. We commend the generous hospitality offered by the neighboring countries to the displaced citizens of Afghanistan in the past and during the current crisis. In this regard, we reaffirm that commitment to international solidarity and burden and responsibility sharing involves all members of the international community, and therefore we urge the international community to proportionately participate in hosting and protecting the Afghan refugees and displaced people and support neighbouring countries hosting large number of this population so far, in ensuring protection and assistance and achieving durable solutions for them.] (+IRAN)

### III

16. We stress the important role of the Chairman-in-Office – the Republic of Kazakhstan in giving new impetus to the CICA process, promoting institutional development of CICA and practical implementation of confidence building measures.

17. We commend the efforts of the Chairman-in-Office, coordinators and co-coordinators of confidence building measures on enhancing cooperation in various dimensions. The Member States [stand ready to keep with the principles of voluntary and equal participation, consensus building and gradual basis, conduct dialogue and consultation, further strengthen cooperation,] (+CHN) will continue to advance the CICA process through the implementation of confidence building measures in the military-political dimension, in combating new challenges and threats, and in the economic, environmental and human dimensions [on a voluntary basis] (-CHN).

18. We recognize the role of confidence building measures in enhancing cooperation, establishing and strengthening the environment of peace and cooperation between the Member States. In this respect, we commend the outcomes of CICA events, held in line with the CICA Plan on Implementation of Confidence Building Measures for 2021, as well as the work of the Business Council, Youth Council and other CICA forums.

19. We welcome the initiative[s] (+RU) [of the CICA Chairman-in-Office] (-RU) to include [a] (-RU) new confidence building measure[s] (+RU) in the field[s] (+RU) of epidemiological safety, public health and pharmaceuticals [as well as the security of and the use of ICTs] (+RU) into the CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures. We call on the Member States to actively cooperate in implementing [this] (-RU) [these] (+RU) confidence building measure[s] (+RU) [designed to assist in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic] (-RU).

20. In order to further strengthen confidence and cooperation among the Member States, we adopt the updated CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures adapted to new realities and we will make every effort for its implementation.

21. We adopt the Regulations of the CICA Council of Eminent Persons – an advisory body designed to develop advice on a wide range of issues of

interaction within the framework of CICA, including strengthening of peace and security, implementation of confidence building measures.

22. We [highly] (-RU) appreciate the contribution [of the People's Republic of China to the establishment] (-RU) of the CICA Think Tank Forum [in 2014] (-RU) [to the CICA process] (+RU) and welcome its transformation into a permanent information and analytical advisory body of CICA.

23. We emphasize the importance to further study the matter on establishment of the CICA Fund to finance development projects, programs of the Member States and other activities of CICA as agreed by the Member States.

#### IV

24. We [note the importance of further CICA enlargement through the accession of new Member States and Observers and] (-RU) welcome Turkmenistan as an Observer of CICA.

25. We emphasize the importance of unified efforts of the Member States in advancing partnerships with other regional and international organizations and forums for further efforts in ensuring peace, security, stability and sustainable development across Asia and globally.

#### V

26. We commend the efforts of the CICA Secretariat aimed at ensuring the work of the Conference and call on all CICA Member States to consider making voluntary contributions to the Secretariat's budget and to second members of the professional personnel on a regular basis.

27. We request those Member States, which have not already done so, to ratify the Statute of the Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia on an expeditious basis. We also request those Member States, which have not done so already, to sign and ratify the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Secretariat, its Personnel and Representatives of Members.



28. We express our gratitude to the Republic of Kazakhstan for organizing this Meeting and agree to hold the Seventh Meeting of the CICA Ministers of Foreign Affairs in 2024. We welcome the intention of the Republic of Kazakhstan to host the Sixth CICA Summit in Nur-Sultan in 2022.

29. We pledge our support to the efforts of the Chairmanship of the Republic of Kazakhstan to mark the 30th anniversary of CICA in 2022 by achieving new milestones in further strengthening our forum.

## **CICA CATALOGUE<sup>1</sup> OF CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES**

The Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA),

With the aim of enhancing cooperation, creating and strengthening an atmosphere of peace, confidence and friendship on the Asian continent,

Acting in accordance with the principles and purposes of the UN Charter, Almaty Act and other CICA documents as well as universally recognized norms and principles of international law,

Taking into account specific situations and peculiarities of different regions of Asia,

Have adopted the updated *Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures (CBMs)* with following principles and measures, leading to strengthening of confidence on the Asian continent and have agreed to their realization in practice on bilateral and/or multilateral basis.

### **1. General provisions**

1.1 The Member States recognize that the confidence building measures, on the one hand, peaceful settlement of disputes and implementation of agreements on arms control and disarmament, on the other, are complementary and may, depending upon specific situations, be pursued simultaneously by the concerned States through mutual consent.

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<sup>1</sup> Comments by the Chair on newly proposed additions to agreed paragraphs: this document has been discussed by all Member States since April 2021, has passed thorough and lengthy examination by all Member States and was considered by the SOC in June 2021, where consensus was registered on all paragraphs except three – 2.2.1, 2.2.10 and 2.5.1. Therefore, the Chair reluctantly includes new additions, with understanding that this very late submission will not delay finalization of the document.

1.2 The diversity in Asia underscores the importance of confidence building measures in military-political, economic, environmental, human dimensions, as well as in the area of new challenges and threats.

1.3 The CICA CBMs will be applied on a gradual and voluntary basis. The CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures and measures identified in it are recommendatory in nature. Any Member State may select certain measures identified in this Catalogue for implementation, where feasible and appropriate. Measures selected by the Member States should be pursued in good faith and to the full extent possible.

1.4 Confidence building measures of the Catalogue are without prejudice to other CBMs, security agreements and/or arrangements on arms control and disarmament, to which the Member States are parties, and these measures will not affect the rights and obligations under these agreements and/or arrangements.

1.5 Nothing in this Catalogue prevents the Member States from adopting other confidence building measures among themselves or with other states.

1.6 The Member States concerned may exchange information within the context of CBMs agreed upon by them. They may also consider submitting this information to the CICA Secretariat for further dissemination.

1.7 The Member State receiving information under the provisions of this Catalogue cannot disclose, publish or transfer it to any third party without the consent of the Member States providing such information.

1.8 The Member States will regularly review implementation of this Catalogue in order to identify the most effective and suitable CBMs for wider implementation in the CICA region and, when necessary, modify or amend those CBMs by consensus.

## **2. Dimensions of cooperation**

In order to facilitate the further work of the Conference, the CICA Member States considered the CBMs under the five dimensions: military-political, new challenges and threats, economic, environment and human.

## **2.1 Military-political dimension**

In order to ensure lasting stability, strengthen mutual confidence in military-political dimension, while taking into account their legitimate security interests, the Member States may undertake the following measures:

2.1.1 Exchange of information, the scope, feasibility and modalities of which will be agreed by the Member States concerned, in accordance with their national laws, regulations and policies, on the following:

- a) components of armed forces;
- b) defense budgets;
- c) presence of foreign military contingents on the territories of the Member States, if release of this information is permitted by the country deploying such a contingent.
- d) notification of planned military activities, including exercises with participation of foreign military contingents, where modalities and parameters of such notification are agreed upon by the Member States concerned.

2.1.2 Inviting observers from Member States to military exercises.

2.1.3 Considering mechanisms such as consultation on unexpected and hazardous incidents of a military nature, especially if such incidents occur in close proximity to the border areas of the Member States.

2.1.4 Developing the following forms of cooperation between their armed forces:

- a) mutual visits by the military authorities and representatives of defense colleges;
- b) mutual invitations for participation in national holidays, cultural and sport events;
- c) information exchange on CV's of top military personnel;
- d) other forms of cooperation as agreed by the Member States.

2.1.5 Exchange of information on the status of their accession to or ratification of multilateral instruments on arms control and disarmament as well as conventions on the outer space.

## **2.2 New challenges and threats dimension**

Implementation of CBMs of new challenges and threats dimension may be carried out under following priority areas: new challenges and threats (general); security of and in the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs); combating illicit drugs; as well as epidemiological safety, public health and pharmaceuticals.

### ***New challenges and threats (general)***

2.2.1 Exchange of information on the measures taken by the Member States in combating transnational organized crime, including trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants, money laundering [, trafficking in firearms, their parts, components and ammunition, [and, *inter alia*,]/[or] illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects.] (-CHAIR) (+IND)

2.2.2 Promoting law enforcement cooperation and exchange of information on legal, judicial and criminal matters.

2.2.3 Exchanging information, assisting in establishing and strengthening cooperation and contacts between relevant authorities of the Member States in the area of fighting the economic crimes.

2.2.4 Sharing information in order to deal effectively with proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery.

### ***Combating terrorism***

2.2.5 Consider the adoption of cooperative measures, in accordance with their national legislation and policies, to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and in preventing activities of separatist and extremist

organizations and movement of terrorists with the aim of promoting security and stability of each Member State.

2.2.6 Exchanging information on the status of accession to or ratification by the Member States of the relevant international legal instruments on combating terrorism and transnational organized crime as well as the steps they have taken to promote fight against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and financing of terrorism in accordance with the UN Charter and international law [in line with United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (UNGCTS)] + (CAM).

### ***Security of and in the use of ICTs***

2.2.7 Promoting open, secure, peaceful and cooperative ICT environment in Asia on the basis of mutual respect, strengthening of contacts and exchanges, deepening of dialogue and cooperation, fighting against threats resulting from the malicious use of ICTs.

2.2.8 Promoting dialogue on confidence-building, stability and risk reduction in the field of security of and in the use of ICTs among CICA Member States.

2.2.9 Recognizing the importance of peaceful use of ICTs by reducing misunderstanding between CICA Member States, promoting trust and confidence.

2.2.10 Sharing information, best practices and raising awareness[, including with regard to terminology [among interested countries [without prejudice to] (-Rus) [taking into consideration]/[in line with] (+Rus) discussions on this matter in other fora] (+CHAIR)] (+Rus) (-IND) (-ISR) in the field of security of and in the use of ICTs to address the threats stemming from the use of ICTs.

2.2.11 Improving cooperation to respond to the criminal use of ICTs based on an internationally agreed legal framework.

## ***Combating illicit drugs***

2.2.12 Exchanging information on the measures the Member States have taken to curb illicit drug trafficking [by sharing best practices in communication in any forms of drug trafficking, identifying new kind of drugs, new means of hiding drugs, new packaging of drugs, logo or imprint of drugs, and the structure of organizing drug criminals, as well as enhancing communication through sharing contacts of focal points who are in charge of drug affairs, and controlling narcotic substances] + (CAM).

## ***Epidemiological safety, public health and pharmaceuticals***

2.2.13 Sharing of experience and strengthening cooperation to cope with the emerging infectious diseases and epidemics.

2.2.14 Exchanging experience and cooperating in the field of epidemiological safety, public health and pharmaceuticals.

## **2.3 Economic dimension**

Implementation of CBMs of economic dimension may be carried out under following priority areas: small and medium enterprises, energy security, information technology, tourism, development of secure and effective systems of transportation corridors, agriculture, finance, trade and investment.

### ***Small and medium enterprises (SMEs)***

2.3.1 Promoting business opportunities for small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs).

### ***[Science, Technology, and Innovation***

2.3.1a Encouraging cooperation in the field of science, technology, and innovation, and establishing strong cooperation in science and technology development, technology transfer, and commercialization with scientific and technological institutions among the Member States] + (CAM).

## ***Energy security***

2.3.2 Taking necessary steps to ensure energy security cooperation in the CICA region, including development of and enhancing efficiency and safety of the routes and security of supply of energy.

2.3.3 Ensuring cooperation in the field of pipeline security among interested countries.

## ***Information technology***

2.3.4 Encouraging cooperation in the field of communications and information technology including in the area of digitalization.

## ***Tourism***

2.3.5 Widening of cooperation in the sphere of tourism, by exchanging information and best practices in this field and encouraging contacts between public and private sector tourism organizations of the Member States.

2.3.6 Exchange of information on their national authorities responsible for development of international tourism and tourist infrastructure and assistance in establishing and strengthening contacts between these authorities.

## ***Development of secure and effective systems of transportation corridors***

2.3.7 Cooperation to promote various modes of transport linkages and connectivity.

2.3.8 Cooperation for the development of secure and effective systems of transportation corridors.

## ***Agriculture***



2.3.9 Sharing experience and cooperating in the field of agricultural development [through enhancing of agricultural productivity, diversification and commercialization, promoting animal production and animal health, sustainable fisheries and forestry resource management, strengthening institutional capacity, and enhancing efficiency of supporting services and human resource development.] + (CAM).

### ***Finance***

2.3.10 Widening of cooperation among financial sectors.

2.3.11 Strengthening cooperation in exchanging information including suspicious financial transactions based on national legislation of Member States and international standards and through effective use of existing mechanisms to the extent possible and in sharing experience between financial intelligence units of the Member States in the area of fighting against money laundering, financing of terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

### ***Trade and Investment***

2.3.12 Visa facilitation including expeditious business visas in order to enhance trade and investment relations among the Member States.

2.3.13 Expanding investment opportunities and cooperation.

2.3.14 Establishing a common database and information exchange system on trade and economic areas.

## **2.4 Environment dimension**

Implementation of CBMs of environment dimension may be carried out under following priority areas: sustainable development, natural disaster management and environment protection.

## ***Sustainable development***

2.4.1 Sharing information on best practices concerning sustainable development.

## ***Natural disaster management***

2.4.2 Developing guidelines for cooperation in the fields of disaster management systems, national monitoring of environmental and disaster situations, development of early warning systems, holding joint trainings and search-rescue operations.

2.4.3 Exchange of information on natural and industrial disasters on their territories which in their view may affect their neighbors.

2.4.4 Facilitating the establishment and strengthening of contacts between Member States' authorities responsible for disaster management, search-rescue operations. Where necessary, the Member States will identify a coordination body, authorized to organize interaction of disaster management and rescue services, and creation of a system of assistance in case of natural disasters and emergency situations.

## ***Environment protection***

2.4.5 Sharing information of best practices concerning national policies on environmental protection.

2.4.6 Development and application of common programs on environment protection without prejudice to the Member States' rights and obligations under relevant bilateral and multilateral instruments.

## **2.5 Human dimension**

Implementation of following CBMs may be carried out under human dimension:

2.5.8 Promotion of dialogue among civilizations, including dialogue among religions and cultures.

[2.5.1 Promotion of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations [as well as participation in and contribution to its goals, principles, and related activities]. (-CHAIR)] (+Turk) (-Iran)

[2.5.1new Taking into consideration the views and recommendations stated in the report of the UN High Level Group of “Alliance of Civilizations” on November 13th, 2006.] (+CHAIR)

2.5.2 Encouragement of national information agencies and mass-media for the promotion of CBMs in all agreed dimensions of CICA.

2.5.3 Elaboration and implementation of joint projects, aimed at disseminating information on culture and traditions of their peoples, promoting mutual respect and good-neighborly relations in order to facilitate people-to-people contacts.

2.5.4 Promoting cultural exchange and cooperation through cultural activities and promotion of awareness and dissemination of information on peoples and different cultures in the CICA area with a view to encouraging tolerance and understanding, taking into consideration the protection against cultural appropriation.

2.5.5 Promoting people-to-people contacts including exchanges among scientific, educational and sports institutions, as well as non-governmental organizations; and developing projects concerning, inter alia, scientific cooperation, exchange of students and joint events.

2.5.6 Organization of joint archeological expeditions for unearthing the common cultural heritage.

2.5.7 Promotion of respect for fundamental rights and freedoms.

2.5.9 Promoting cooperation, including through exchange of information and best practice and project activities, in the field of human rights, in particular human rights education, with a view of strengthening democracy, rule of law, civil society, human rights institutions, as well as empowering of women and girls.

2.5.10 Development and implementation of projects aimed at innovative development of education and science.

### **3. Modalities for implementation of CBMs in aforementioned priority areas**

CICA Member States may choose to implement the CBMs from the aforementioned priority areas bilaterally or multilaterally on a voluntary basis in the following manner:

- A. In the first modality, the Member States may wish to express their interest in implementation of a specific priority area. Thereafter the CICA Chairman may consult those Member States on appointment of coordinating country/countries and request the designated country/countries to prepare a draft Concept Paper. That paper may be distributed through the Secretariat among the Member States prior to any specialized meeting and be considered during SWG and if agreed, be submitted to SOC for further approval.
- B. In the second modality,
  - CICA Member States may wish to exchange views on a particular priority area via CICA Chairman and Secretariat as a first step,
  - CICA Chairman and Secretariat compile the information provided by the Member States and establish a database.
  - The Member States may periodically nominate experts and academicians for specific CICA priority area.
  - CICA Secretariat shall provide a logistical support for organizing specialized meetings in the Member or Observer States with the

participation of experts and academicians to address the core of the issues and tasking the eligible experts to produce a working paper.

- Working paper should be considered in the SWG and later in the SOC for further elaboration and decision.

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**Chairmanship of Kazakhstan**

**DRAFT DECISION OF THE SENIOR OFFICIALS COMMITTEE**

**Regulations of the Think Tank Forum  
of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence  
Building Measures in Asia**

**Article 1  
General provisions**

1.1. These Regulations define the framework for the activities, goals, objectives, structure and modalities of the Think Tank Forum of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (hereinafter referred to as the Forum).

1.2. The Forum is an information and analytical advisory body of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (hereinafter referred to as CICA), established for the provision of information and analytical support for activities within the CICA framework and to develop interaction among think tanks and research institutions of the CICA Member States.

1.3. The Forum shall operate on the basis of the principles of voluntary participation, consensus, common aspiration for peace and progress of the CICA Member States and in accordance with the principles set forth in the Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States of 1999 and the goals set out in the Almaty Act of 2002, as well as in accordance with the Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures of 2004 and these Regulations.

1.4. The CICA Secretariat shall, when required, provide to the Forum with organizational, technical and administrative support.

## **Article 2**

### **Goals and objectives of the Forum**

- 2.1. Provision of information and analytical support to the activities of CICA, including through the preparation of analytical, research and forecast reports, publications and other materials on matters of common interest to CICA.
- 2.2. Development of cooperation among think tanks, research and educational institutions of the Member States on CICA related issues, including through joint research activities and exchange of experience and research materials.
- 2.3. Organization of forums, conferences, workshops, round tables and other events on CICA related matters.
- 2.4. Promotion of establishment and development of contacts, information exchange and cooperation between scholars and experts of the Member States in all dimensions within the framework of CICA.
- 2.5. Publication of materials on research and analytical activities and materials of events held under the auspices of the Forum.
- 2.6. Other objectives as may be identified by the CICA Member States.

## **Article 3**

### **Composition of the Forum**

- 3.1. The Forum shall consist of one leading think tank or research institution from a CICA Member State, which will participate on a voluntary basis, and referred to as a Member of the Forum. Each Member State may recommend a think tank or research institution.
- 3.2. Member States may delegate, after approval by the CICA Member States, additional think tanks or research institutions or other official representatives from respective countries for temporary participation in the Forum.
- 3.3. The Chair of the Forum shall be appointed by the CICA Chairmanship from among the Members of the Forum for a term of two years.
- 3.4. The Chair of the Forum shall be assisted in its work by the Members of the Forum acting as co-Chairs. The co-Chairs shall be appointed on a voluntary basis by the Member States [ - **Coordinators of implementation of** ] (+CHAIR) [which coordinate [forum meetings relating to] (+IND) [implementation of]] (-

**IND) (-CHAIR)** confidence building measures under priority areas of CICA dimensions. The term of a co-Chair shall be two years.

3.5. The Chair of the Forum shall have the following functions:

3.5.1. Overall coordination and management of the Forum, coordination of interaction with other CICA structures;

3.5.2. Organization of the Forum meetings in coordination with the CICA Chairmanship and the host country.

#### **Article 4 Organization of the Forum's activities**

4.1. Meetings of the Forum shall be held on a regular basis, at least once a year, and convened by the Chair and co-Chairs of the Forum in consultation with the CICA Chairmanship.

4.2. The format, venue and date of a meeting shall be determined by the Chair and co-Chairs of the Forum in consultation with the CICA Chairmanship and the host country.

4.3. The agenda of the meetings shall be proposed by the Chair of the Forum and sent to the Member States for suggestions no later than 30 days before the meeting.

4.4. The Forum may hold extraordinary meetings at the initiative of any Member of the Forum and with the consent of the Chair and co-Chairs of the Forum and the CICA Chairmanship.

4.5. The Chair of the Forum, in agreement with co-Chairs of the Forum, the Chairmanship and the host country, and with the consent of the Members of the Forum may invite representatives of other international organizations and forums to the events of the Forum.

4.6. The activities of the Forum shall be based on an annual action plan, which is developed and agreed upon by the Forum Members under the coordination of the Chair of the Forum and approved by the Senior Officials Committee (hereinafter referred to as the SOC).

4.7. The CICA governing bodies may request the Forum to conduct information and analytical studies additional to the action plan.



4.8. Materials produced by the Forum, including the results of analytical, scientific or research activities, shall be sent to the Secretariat for dissemination among the Member States.

4.9. Publication of the Forum's materials under the auspices of CICA shall be subject to the approval by the SOC. The materials of the Forum published under the auspices of CICA shall be posted on the website of the Secretariat.

## **Article 5 Funding**

5.1. The costs of the organization of the Forum meetings shall be borne by the host country.

5.2. Travel expenses of participants of the Forum shall be covered by the participating organizations, accommodation and local transportation expenses shall be covered by the host organization.

5.3. CICA Member States may provide the Forum with voluntary contributions.

## **Article 6 Final provisions**

6.1. The working languages of the Forum shall be English and Russian.

6.2. The official documents of the Forum shall be in English.

6.3. These Regulations shall be approved by the SOC.

6.4. The SOC may approve amendments and additions to these Regulations.