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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 version of the draft Declaration of the Sixth CICA Ministerial Meeting as of the time of suspension of the Special Working Group (SWG) meeting on 15 September 2021.

The SWG meeting will resume on 22 September 2021 at 14:00 by Nur-Sultan time (GMT+6 hours) to continue consideration of its agenda.

*Enclosure:
as stated, on 14 p.*

On behalf of the Chairmanship, the Secretariat requests the Member States to provide their comments on the attached draft until 17 September 2021. Thereafter, the Chairmanship will issue a new version of the draft for consideration at the resumed SWG meeting.

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

Nur-Sultan, 15 September 2021

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на 14 л.*

Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и имеет честь препроводить последнюю версию проекта Декларации шестой Министерской встречи СВМДА по состоянию на момент перерыва в заседании Специальной рабочей группы (СРГ) 15 сентября 2021 года.

Заседание СРГ возобновит свою работу 22 сентября 2021г. в 14:00 по времени г. Нур-Султан (GMT+6 часов) для продолжения рассмотрения своей повестки дня.

Секретариат, от имени Председательства, просит государства-члены представить свои комментарии по прилагаемому проекту до 17 сентября 2021 года. После этого Председательство распространит новую версию проекта для рассмотрения на возобновленном заседании СРГ.

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

город Нур-Султан, 15 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 15 қыркүйекте өткен Арнаулы жұмыс тобының (АЖТ) отырысы барысында қарастырылған АӨСШК Сыртқы істер министрлерінің алтыншы кездесу декларациясы жобасының соңғы нұсқасын жолдауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

АЖТ өзінің күн тәртібі бойынша жұмысын 2021 жылғы 22 қыркүйекте Нұр-Сұлтан қаласының уақытымен сағат 14.00-де (GMT+6 сағат) қайта жалғастырады.

Хатшылық, Төрағалық атынан, мүше мемлекеттерден қоса берілген жоба бойынша ескертулерді 2021 жылдың 17 қыркүйегінен кешіктірмей ұсынуды сұрайды. Төрағалық келесі АЖТ отырысы барысында қарастырылатын аталмыш жобаның жаңа нұсқасын жолдайтын болады.

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

Нұр-Сұлтан қаласы, 2021 жылғы 15 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 importance 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 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 platform with the relevant potential 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 affirm our commitment to the principles of the UN Charter and international law.] (+RU) 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. **[[We oppose the unilateral sanctions.] (+RU)] (-ISR)**

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.

[2. We affirm our commitment to peaceful settlement of disputes among CICA Member States 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.] (+CHAIR) (RU)

[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.] (RoK) (ISR)] (+CHN)

[2b. [We] [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 [respect for] [recognized] principles of international law, promote the [construction] [formation] of a new type of international relations featuring

mutual respect, fairness, justice and win-win cooperation, and build [an international] [a] community with a shared future for mankind based on the [three-pronged] principle [of inclusiveness, joint action and shared benefits] [of "common consultation, joint construction and sharing".] (+CHN) (IRAN) (IND) (RoK)

DISCUSSION SUSPENDED

[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] (-VIET). [criminal purposes and comply with the United Nations voluntary norms for responsible state behaviors in cyberspace] (+VIET)

[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 [, including through ensuring equitable access to vaccines and medicines as well as transfer of related technologies] (+VIET). [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)

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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)

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).

[15new. We underscore the priority of fighting terrorism, including preventing attempts by terrorist organizations to use Afghan territory as

terrorist sanctuary and to carry out attacks against other countries. We emphasize the need to address the humanitarian situation and to uphold human rights, including those of women, children and minorities. We call upon all the concerned parties to respect and follow UNSC Resolution 2593 (2021). We emphasize the importance of safe passage into and out of Afghanistan; and immediate, direct, unimpeded and regular access to people of Afghanistan to meet their humanitarian needs.] (+IND)

[15new. We emphasize that restoring peace and economic development in Afghanistan is key for security and stability in the CICA area. We encourage Afghanis 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) [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)

[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)

[15b. The situation in the Middle East continues to cause concern and we call on all the interested parties to uphold their responsibilities to achieve peace, security and stability in this region.

We stay committed to the realization of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including to self-determination, and a just and comprehensive peace based on the two-State solution, with East Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Palestine, in line with the internationally-agreed parameters based on the relevant United Nations resolutions and the 2002 Arab Peace Initiative.

We strongly support the Historic Hashemite Custodianship of the Holy sites in the Holy City of Jerusalem. We stand firm against any unilateral decisions and attempts to alter the historical status quo of the holy city of Jerusalem. We condemn the brutal and escalating attacks by the Israeli occupying forces on Al-Aqsa Mosque, and we call upon Israel to cease all settlement activities, including evictions, forced displacement of Palestinian families, demolitions, in the occupied East Jerusalem and the West Bank.

We demand an immediate and complete halt to all of Israel's grave violations of international law, including humanitarian and human rights law, and the countless United Nations resolutions on the Question of Palestine.] (+ PAL) (-ISR)

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 atmosphere 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 initiatives to include new confidence building measures in the fields of epidemiological safety, public health and pharmaceuticals as well as the security of and the use of ICTs into the CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures. We call on the Member States to actively cooperate in implementing these confidence building measures.

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. (CHN) (RoK)

23. We emphasize the importance of further studying the matter of establishment of a CICA Fund in accordance with the objectives and purposes of CICA.

IV

24. We 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.