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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, on behalf of the CICA Chairmanship, has the honour to inform that the Special Working Group (SWG) will resume its online meeting on 24 August 2022 at 14.00 Nur-Sultan time.

*Enclosure:
as stated,
on 15 p.*

The Secretariat has further the honour to forward herewith Revision 4 of the draft Nur-Sultan Charter as at the suspension of the SWG meeting on 18 August 2022.

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

Nur-Sultan, 19 August 2022



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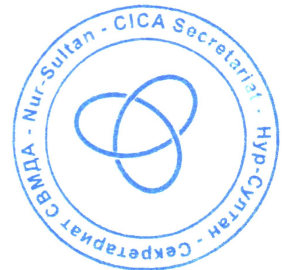
Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и, от имени Председательства СВМДА, имеет честь сообщить что онлайн заседание Специальной рабочей группы (СРГ) возобновит работу 24 августа 2022 года в 14:00 по времени г. Нур-Султан.

*Приложение:
упомянутое,
на 15 л.*

Секретариат также имеет честь направить Ревизию 4 проекта Нур-Султанской хартии на момент перерыва в заседании СРГ 18 августа 2022 года.

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

город Нур-Султан, 19 августа 2022 г.



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

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Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (Азия Кеңесінің) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесінің мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіріп, Азия Кеңесінің Төрағалығы атынан Арнаулы жұмыс тобының (АЖТ) онлайн-отырысы 2022 жылғы 24 тамызда Нұр-Сұлтан уақыты бойынша сағат 14.00-де қайта жалғастыратынын хабарлауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

Сондай-ақ, Хатшылық 2022 жылғы 18 тамыздағы АЖТ отырысы барысында қарастырылған Нұр-Сұлтан хартиясы жобасының 4-ревизиясын жолдауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

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

Нұр-Сұлтан қаласы, 2022 жылғы 19 тамыз

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



Chairmanship of Kazakhstan

DRAFT NUR-SULTAN [CHARTER] (-RUS) (+CHAIR) [VISION] (+RUS)

Towards a [New Asia in the] (-RUS) (+IRN) [emerging] (+IRN) New World¹

We, the Heads of State or Government of the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) having met on 12-13 October 2022 in Nur-Sultan on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the CICA process,

PP1. Recognizing that rapid changes taking place all around the world, including in [[Greater Eurasia]] (+RUS) (-IRN) (-IND) (-EGY) (-ISR) (-BANGL) (-TUR) [Asia] (+IRN) (+IND) (+EGY) (+ISR) (+BANGL) (+TUR), require stronger cooperation in response to new challenges, threats and opportunities and in promoting peace, security, stability and sustainable development [in Asia]] (+IRN) (+ISR) (+EGY), based on our shared principles and common goals and set directions for future development of our forum for the benefit of our peoples] (-RUS) (+IRN);

[PP New1. Admitting that the global financial architecture anchored in the Bretton Woods financial system is being supplemented by new regional algorithms of bilateral and multilateral cooperation, and recognizing the [world's increasing tendency towards multipolarity] (-IND) [need for reformed multilateralism that reflects today's realities] (+IND) (-RUS);] (+RUS) (+IRN) (-ISR) (-EGY) (-BANGL) (-TUR)

PP2. Cognizant that [[[Eurasia]]] (+RUS) (-IRN) (-ISR) (-IND) (-EGY) (-BANGL) [[Asia]] (+IRN) (+ISR) (+IND) (+EGY) (+BANGL), being vast, populous and rich in resources, economically and culturally diverse and increasingly

¹ Paragraphs in italic are not subject to drafting - these are copies of paragraphs appearing elsewhere.

interdependent region in the world, is transforming into a driving force of the global progress, economic development and growth for years to come, and aiming at developing these resources so as to attain sustainable growth and equitable development of our countries, reduce economic disparities among them, facilitate the growth of trade and investment and improve the economic and social well-being of our peoples;

[PP New2. Reaffirming our commitment to the UN Charter, its purposes and principles, and to the universally recognized norms and principles of international law, and remaining convinced that multilateral cooperation aimed at achieving tangible results and based on the principles stipulated in the UN Charter is an important element in maintaining regional and international peace and security;] (+RUS: **modified OP I.2**, see below) (RUS to get back)

[PP New3. Emphasizing our adherence to the fundamental principles of international law such as sovereign equality, non-interference in the internal affairs of another country, non-use of force or threat thereof against another state and settlement of differences and disputes by peaceful means [, as well as principles of positive co-development and national identity that underpin interstate relations in Asia [and, in a broader context, in Greater Eurasia](-IRN)] (-IND);] (+RUS) (RUS to get back)

PP4. *Acknowledging* the role and contribution of CICA, as a forum for dialogue, consultations and consensus-based decision-making on a broad spectrum of practical issues, to building a sustainable environment conducive to peace and security throughout the region; (ISR to get back)

[PP5. Supporting preserving and strengthening the values of multilateralism and international cooperation as the fundamental prerequisite for promoting the CICA process;] (RUS to get back)

PP New4. *Reiterating* the importance of mutual trust and confidence, enhanced dialogue and cooperation and a multilateral approach within the framework of the CICA in addressing challenges in order to preserve and strengthen the regional multilateral architecture to tackle pressing common regional issues, and to support a regional and international order anchored in international law;

[**PP New5.** *Underscoring* that mutually beneficial integrated regional development and growth can only be achieved through the means of [practical] (-ISR) cooperation;] (+RUS to get back) (-EGY)

[**PP New6.** *Mindful* of the existence of mutual interests and common problems in our region;] (+RUS to get back) (-EGY)

PP New7. *Reiterating* our determination to develop [[Eurasia]] (-IRN) (-ISR) (-IND) (-EGY) (-BANGL) [[Asia]] (+IRN) (+ISR) (+IND) (+EGY) (+BANGL) as an area of common [, comprehensive, cooperative, sustainable,] (-IND) (+CHN) [and] (+IND) (-CHN) indivisible [and equal] (-IND) (+CHN) security (IND to come back), where all states co-exist peacefully and their peoples live in conditions of peace, freedom and prosperity [, and *underscoring* that national security cannot and must not be ensured at the expense of the security of others] (-IND) (-EGY) (ISR to come back);

[[**PP New8.** *Strongly condemning* the use of [unlawful] (+CHN) unilateral sanctions and extraterritorial application of national law as inconsistent with the international law, detrimental to regional and global peace, sustainable development, stability, security, including energy and food security, as well as to the lives of our citizens, and undermining the [purposes and] (+CHN) principles of the UN Charter, and *strongly opposing* the creation of inward-looking, exclusive-membership groupings and blocs with obscure agenda;]]] (+RUS) (+IRN) (-ISR) (-IND) (-EGY) (-TUR) (-BANGL)

[**PP New9.** *Recognizing that the Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States of 14 September 1999 and the Almaty Act of 4 June 2002 as its integral part laid a firm foundation to the CICA process which will further built upon and strengthened by subsequent CICA documents adopted by the Meetings of Heads of State or Government and Meetings of Ministers of Foreign Affairs;]* (+RUS: **modified OP I.1**, see below)

[**PP New10.** *Taking into account* the evolution of various multilateral processes in [Asia and] (+CHAIR) (-IRN) (+RUS) (-EGY) [[Eurasia]] (-IRN) (-ISR) (-IND) (-EGY) (-BANGL) (-TUR) [[Asia]] (+IRN) (+ISR) (+IND) (+BANGL) (+EGY) (+TUR), and *underscoring* the need to strengthen cooperation between regional and international organizations and forums at all levels;] (+RUS)

[**PP New11.** *Expressing* our strong resolve to gradually and incrementally move our cooperation forward, which will not only enhance the prospects of dynamic, balanced, equitable and sustainable development in our region but will benefit all peoples throughout [[Greater Eurasia]] (-IRN) (-ISR) (-IND) (-EGY) [Asia] (+ISR) (+IND) (+EGY) [region] (+IRN);] (+RUS to come back on **PP New11-13**) (-EGY)

[**PP New12.** *Striving* to render our cooperation future-oriented and making a real difference in [[Eurasia] (-IRN) (-ISR) (-IND) [Asia] (+IRN) (+ISR) (+IND) [and beyond] (-ISR), building on what CICA has achieved in 30 years of its existence;] (+RUS to come back) (-EGY)

[**PP New13.** *Convinced that*, if further institutionalized, our cooperation [will] (-ISR) [could] (+ISR) contribute to a more efficient use of the collective potential of our countries in ensuring sustainable development of our region and combating the ever emerging challenges and threats;] (+RUS to come back) (-EGY)

[**PP6.** *Acknowledging* that our forum successfully serves as an effective multilateral mechanism for political dialogue, interaction, confidence building and cooperation with a mature and permanently functioning institutional structure;] (RUS to get back)

PP New14. *Recognizing* the permanent nature of the governing bodies of CICA - the Meeting of Heads of State or Government, the Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the Senior Officials Committee;

PP7. *Expressing* appreciation of the personal role of the CICA Founder, First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev, who initiated CICA thirty years ago and made a significant contribution to the development of the CICA process and common efforts for peace, security and cooperation in [Asia] (-RUS) (+IRN) (+ISR) (+IND) [Eurasia] (+RUS) (-IRN) (-ISR) (-IND);

[**HAVE AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING:**] (-RUS) [**DECIDE TO CHART THE FUTURE COURSE OF OUR COOPERATION AS FOLLOWS:**] (+RUS)

[I. Reaffirming Our Values, Principles and Objectives] (-RUS: suggests drafting the whole text of the document and then, if it is necessary, dividing it into chapters)

[1. [We remain committed to our common values, principles and objectives enshrined in] (-RUS) (+CHAIR) the Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States of 14 September 1999 and the Almaty Act of 4 June 2002 [as its integral part laid a firm foundation to the CICA process which will [be] (+IRN) (+CHAIR) further built upon and strengthened by] (+RUS) [and all] (-RUS) subsequent [consensus] (+ISR) (-PAL) CICA documents[,] (-RUS) [adopted by the Meetings of Heads of State or Government[,] (+CHAIR) [and] (-CHAIR) Meetings of Ministers of Foreign Affairs [and Senior Officials Committee] (+CHAIR);] (+RUS) [and to carrying forward the common values of peace, development, fairness, justice, democracy and freedom for all mankind.] (-RUS)] (RUS suggests modifying and moving this para to the preamble as PP New9 above) (+EGY)

[OP New 1. We hereby launch the process of transforming CICA into a regional international organization, thus consolidating our unity, strengthening connectivity, developing mutually beneficial tangible cooperation and promoting indivisible and equal security in our region, and contributing to a stronger, more secure and sustainable Greater Eurasia.] (+RUS: modified OP II.5, see below)

[2. We recognize the central role of the United Nations as a universal multilateral organization and reaffirm our commitment to the UN Charter, its principles and purposes, and to universally recognized norms and principles of the international law, resolutely uphold the authority and status of the UN [, and respect the rights of sovereign states to choose their own development path] (-TUR) [[, oppose unilateralism and abuse of sanctions, reject cold-war mentality and hegemonism, refrain from group politics and bloc confrontation.]]] (+CHN) (-ISR) (-IND) (-TUR)] (RUS to get back) (TUR: merge with PP New2) (-EGY) (VIE to get back)

[OP New2. We remain convinced that effective multilateral cooperation based on the principles stipulated in the UN Charter is an important element in maintaining [regional and] (-IND) international peace and security, [and in spirit of principle of wide consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, make continued efforts to build a balanced, effective and sustainable regional security architecture] (-IND) as well as to establish international relations based on mutual respect, [mutual sensitivity and mutual interests.] (+IND) [fairness and justice, and mutually beneficial cooperation for a community of shared future for

mankind.] (-IND)] (+CHN) (-ISR) (-EGY)

[[**OP New3.** We intend that the organization be [people] (-IND) (-TUR) [human] (+IND) (+TUR) -centered and pursue the goals of strengthening trust, amity and good neighbourliness among its member states, empowering our people and making our societies more resilient to regional and global challenges.]] (+RUS) (-ISR)

[3. We reaffirm the main objective and thrust of CICA to enhance [multilateral] (+IND) cooperation [through [[practicing true] (-TUR) [effective] (+TUR) multilateralism] (+CHN) (-ISR) [and] (+IRN) elaborating multilateral approaches] (-IND) towards promoting peace, security and stability in Asia and the Member States' commitment to take the necessary steps to develop CICA as a forum for dialogue, consultations and adoption of decisions and measures [on the basis of] (-ISR) (+PAL) [strictly by] (+ISR) (-PAL) consensus on [development and] (+IND) security [issues] (-IND) in Asia. (-RUS: *this idea correlates with PP4*)

OP New4. We also envision the organization as contributing to dynamic, equitable, comprehensive and balanced economic growth, social and cultural development of its Member States [[and, therefore, of [[Greater Eurasia]]] (-ISR) (-IND) [Asia] (+ISR) (+IND)]] (+RUS) (-IRN).

OP New5. We will strengthen our collective work in order to seek joint solutions for our common challenges of the 21st century.

4. [We emphasize that] (-RUS) our [future] (+RUS) cooperation will continue to be [based on the following fundamental principles:] (-RUS) [aimed at promoting the basic principles of consensus, equal partnership, mutual trust, mutual benefit, peaceful [co-] (-IND) development, consultation and respect for cultural diversity, while taking into account specific features and characteristics in various parts of our region.] (+RUS) (CHAIR: to stop here) (TUR yes, to check with PP2 and PP New2) (ISR yes) (IRN yes) (RUS to get back)

[[The member states of the [new] (-IND) organization will undertake to promote peace, security, stability, prosperity and human resources development in the region, including through] (+RUS):

- [the deepening of relations, the promotion of mutual] (+RUS) respect for [the independence, [sovereignty, equality] (-ISR) [sovereign equality] (+ISR) and national identity of all nations] (+RUS) [sovereign equality and [the rights inherent in] (-IND) sovereignty [including the foundational principle of state concerned] (+ISR)] (-RUS) (-IRN);
- respect for territorial integrity of the Member States [[as well as the right of every state to lead its national existence free from external interference, subversion or coercion]] (+RUS) (-IND) (-ISR: *same idea appears below: non-interference in internal affairs of the Member States*);
- [refraining from] (-RUS) (+ISR) (+IND) [renunciation of] (+RUS) (-ISR) (-IND) the threat or use of force [against the sovereignty, territorial integrity or political independence of the states] (-RUS) (+ISR);
- non-interference in internal affairs of the Member States;
- [peaceful] (-RUS) settlement of [differences or] (+RUS) disputes [through dialogue and consultation] (+CHN) [by peaceful means] (+RUS);
- [[respect the legitimate security concerns of all countries;]] (+CHN) (-IND)
- [disarmament and arms control;
- economic, social and cultural cooperation; and
- respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.] (-RUS) (+IRN)
- [and effective cooperation] (+RUS)] (-CHAIR) (TUR yes, to check with PP2 and PP New2) (ISR yes) (IRN yes) (RUS to get back)

5. We recognize that our security is common [, comprehensive, cooperative, sustainable,] (-IND) (+RUS) [and] (+IND) (-RUS) indivisible [and equal,] (-IND) (+RUS) and that the challenges in our region are complex and interrelated and require stronger cooperation, joint [actions] (-IND) (-ISR) [efforts] (+IND) (+ISR) and coordinated responses from the Member States [[by upholding the principle of indivisible security to maintain security in both traditional and non-traditional domains as well as] (-IND) to cope with [regional disputes and] (-IND) global challenges such as terrorism [,] [and] (+IND) climate change [,] [,] (+IND) [illicit drug production and traffic of narcotic,] (+IRN) [cybersecurity and biosecurity.] (-IND)](+CHN) (-ISR).

[6. We [[are committed to promoting common security with positive response to Global Security Initiative, and]] (+CHN) (-ISR) (-IND) will continue full, equal and comprehensive implementation and observance of the principles, provisions and commitments enshrined in the Almaty Act. We reaffirm [all] (-ISR) [the] (+ISR) CICA objectives contained in the Almaty Act [and all] (-ISR) [as

well as in] (+ISR) (-PAL) subsequent CICA documents adopted by the Meetings of Heads of State or Government and the Meetings of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.] (RUS to get back) (+IRN)

[**OP New6** We welcome the Global Development Initiative and are willing to actively participate in cooperation on the Initiative, further align our development strategies, accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of UN, and promote a stronger, greener, and healthier global development.] (+CHN) (+IRN)

[OP New7. The situation in the Middle East continues to cause concern and we call on all interested parties to implement related UN resolutions to achieve a peace, security and stability in this region. We also consider it essential to revive negotiations on the Middle East Peace Process, in order to achieve the two state solution, based on international law, relevant UN resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative on two sovereign states living next to each other in peace, harmony, tranquility and security. We stay committed to the right of Palestinians to have an independent, and fully sovereign Palestinian state on the border lines of 4 June 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital, and we strongly support the Historic Hashemite Custodianship of the Holy sites in the Holy City of Jerusalem. We stand firm against any unilateral decision that might lead to changing the status quo of the holy city of Jerusalem. We remain fully concerned about the current financial situation of The United Nations Relief and Works Agency.]] (+PAL) (-ISR) (+EGY)

[Alt OP New7. We express support of the recent developments in the Middle East with the historic signing of the “Abraham accords” and the tripartite declaration. These peace agreements that established full diplomatic relations between Israel, UAE, Bahrain and Morocco will strengthen regional cooperation in various fields and promote peace, economic growth and prosperity. We call all interested parties to support the efforts to achieve peace, security and stability in this region. We also consider it essential to revive negotiations on the Middle East Peace Process, in order to achieve an agreed solution between Israel and the Palestinians.] (+ISR) (-PAL)

[II. Giving a New Impetus to Our Forum] (-RUS)

[1. We are [determined to give] (-ISR) [positively considering giving] (+ISR) a new [political] (-ISR) impetus to CICA, thus enabling it to play [a bigger] (-ISR) [an important] (+ISR) role in promoting common [, comprehensive, cooperative, sustainable,] (-IND) [and] (+IND) indivisible [and equal] (-IND) security in its region and to contribute to building (-ISR) a stronger and more secure and prosperous [Asia] (-RUS) (+ISR) (+IRN) [Eurasia] (+RUS) (-IRN) (-ISR).] (RUS to get back)

[2. We are [resolved] (-ISR) [positively considering] (+ISR) to further consolidate our unity, progress to a new level of interaction and cooperation within CICA, strengthen the international standing and capacity of our organization, and thereby enhance the role of our Member States and the entire Asia [in the global [security] (-IND) [governance] (+IND) architecture.] (-ISR)] (RUS to get back)

[3. We [undertake to step up our efforts] (-ISR) [aim] (+ISR) to further strengthen CICA as an organization, utilize its potential to the fullest and make it as effective as possible in order to develop and implement effective consensus-based multilateral approaches to cooperation, security and confidence building measures (CBMs) [on the [Asian] (-RUS) (+IRN) (+ISR) [Eurasian] (+RUS) (-IRN) (-ISR) continent] (-IND) [in Asia] (+IND).] (RUS to get back)

[*OP New7.1.* The [new] (-IND) organization will strive to create an open and interconnected region where all our peoples can live in security and prosperity.] (+RUS)

[*OP New7.2.* The [new] (-IND) organization will interact with other states, organizations and fora sharing the same core principles for the purpose of strengthening results-oriented consensus-based multilateral cooperation in our region.] (+RUS)

[*OP New7.3.* The member states of the [new] (-IND) organization will abide by all the rules and procedures adopted by it.] (+RUS) (-ISR)

[[*OP New7.4.* The [member states of the] (-IRN) new organization will work to prevent any unlawful actions directed against [it] (-IRN) [its member states] (+IRN).]]] (+RUS) (-ISR) (-IND)

[[**OP New7.5.** The member states of the new organization will renounce the use of any unilateral action[s] (-IRN) against one another, including sanctions, aimed at causing political, social or economic damage or deteriorating the life of our citizens.]]] (+RUS) (-ISR) (-IND)

[**OP New7.6.** [The transformation process does not imply that] (-ISR) a member state, observer or partner of CICA will [automatically] (-ISR) [have the right to choose to] (+ISR) become a member state, partner or observer of the [new] (-IND) organization.] (+RUS)

[**OP New7.7.** The [new] (-IND) organization will [refrain from interacting in any form with] (-IND) [interact and cooperate in areas of interest of all Member States with] (+IND) any other state[s] (+IND), organization[s] (+IND) or forum[s] (+IND) that [employs unilateral means of coercion, including sanctions, or does not] (-IND) share its goals and principles.] (+RUS) (-ISR)

[[**OP New7.8.** The work of the new organization will [not] (+ISR) be directed against [no other state, organization or forum] (-ISR) [any member state of CICA] (+ISR).]]] (+RUS) (-IND)

[4. To reflect this determination, the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia will henceforth be known as the Organization for Interaction and Cooperation in Asia (OICA). The change in name from “CICA” to “the OICA” alters neither the shared values and fundamental principles of CICA nor its goals and objectives. All references to CICA will henceforth be considered as references to the OICA.] (-RUS: *it is premature to fix the name of a future organization as this issue is a subject for discussion*)

[5. We hereby launch the [structured[, inclusive, transparent] (+ISR) negotiations process of gradual, incremental[, inclusive, transparent] (-ISR) and consensus-based transformation of the OICA] (-RUS) [process of transforming CICA] (+RUS) into a [full-fledged] (-RUS) [regional] (+RUS) international organization[, thus consolidating our unity,] (+RUS) [through further institutionalization and] (-RUS) strengthening [connectivity, developing mutually beneficial [tangible] (-IND) cooperation and promoting [common and] (+IND) [indivisible [and equal] (-IND)] (-ISR) security in our region, and contributing to a stronger, more secure and sustainable [[[Greater Eurasia]]] (-IRN) (-ISR) (-IND) [[[Asia]]] (+IRN) (+ISR) (+IND).] (+RUS) [the capacity of our

organization, while building on what is achieved by CICA so far.] (-RUS)] (RUS suggests moving this para to the beginning of Chapter I as **OP New1** above)

[III. Defining Our Future Vision] (-RUS)

[1. The CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures will continue to be our core instrument for guiding practical implementation of specific CBMs in and across the five dimensions of cooperation [within the OICA] (-ISR) - the military-political, new threats and challenges, economic, environmental and human dimensions, on bilateral and/or multilateral basis.] (-RUS: *it is premature to mention the Catalogue of CBMs in the document as at this stage it is unclear which areas of cooperation new organization will cover*)

[2. In developing and carrying out our CBMs we will act in accordance with the principles of the UN Charter, international law and principles and objectives of the [OICA] (-RUS) (+IND) [[future organization]] (+RUS) (-IND), will take into account specific features and characteristics in various parts of [[[Asia]]] (-RUS) (+IRN) (+ISR) (+IND) [[[Eurasia]]] (+RUS) (-IRN) (-ISR) (-IND) and proceed on a gradual and voluntary basis.] (RUS to get back)

[**OP New8.1.** The process of transforming CICA will pursue the following three drivers:

- establishing the future organization's core principles of operation,
- defining the overarching areas of our future cooperation, and
- strengthening the organizational base of our interaction.] (+RUS) (-ISR)

[**OP New8.2.** We will steer the transformation process in such a manner as to utilize in a most effective way the opportunities presented by the rapid change of the world order, taking into account new tasks, challenges and threats arising from this change and remaining cognizant of the evolution of other multilateral processes taking place in [[Greater Eurasia]] (-IRN) (-IND) [the geography of Asia and beyond] (+IRN) [Asia] (+IND).] (+RUS) (-ISR)

3. [We reaffirm the current institutional structure of the [OICA, with its major elements and minor adjustments outlined below] (-ISR) [CICA and as part of the consultation process will consider] (+ISR).] (-RUS)

(1) [To recognize the permanent nature of the governing bodies of the OICA,] (-RUS) [As the first major step of the transformation process,] (+RUS) the Meeting of Heads of State or Government (Summit) and the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Ministerial Meeting) [shall henceforth] (-ISR) [could] (+ISR) be referred to, respectively, as the Council of Heads of State or Government (Summit) and the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Ministerial Council).

(2) The Summit, Ministerial Council and the Senior Officials Committee (SOC) shall remain the governing bodies of the [OICA] (-RUS) [future organization] (+RUS).

(3) [We agree that] (+RUS) (-ISR) The Summit[s] (+RUS) and Ministerial Council[s] (+RUS) [will] (-RUS) [shall] (+RUS) be convened [by the [OICA] (-ISR) Chair] (-RUS) [[biennially] (-CHN) [every four years] (+CHN)] (-ISR) [every three years] (+ISR) with [a [one-year] (-CHN) [two-year] (+CHN)] (-ISR) [eighteen months] (+ISR) interval between [Summit and Ministerial Council meetings.] (-RUS) [them.] (+RUS)

[[**OP New9.** We further agree to convene the next CICA Summit in 2024 and the next Ministerial Council in 2023 in order to review the transformation process.]] (+RUS) (-IND) (ISR: *dates will be determined according to paragraph 3*)

[(4) The Member State holding Chairmanship in the [OICA] (-RUS) [future organization] (+RUS) will be responsible for coordination, consultation and communication on current [OICA] (-RUS) [future organization] (+RUS) activities between Summit meetings, for presiding over the work of the governing bodies and for external representation, and will be assisted by the Secretariat. The tenure of Chairmanship may be extended by the Member States for further two-year terms.] (RUS to get back)

(5) [In order] (+RUS) (-ISR) To reflect the role of Executive Director [of the CICA Secretariat] (+RUS) as the [forum's] (+RUS) Chief Administrative Officer [of the OICA and head of its Secretariat] (-RUS), [we agree that] (+RUS) (-ISR) this position [shall henceforth] (-ISR) [could] (+ISR) be referred to as Secretary[-]General (+RUS) of [the OICA] (-RUS) [CICA] (+RUS), while preserving its functions.

[(6) The Secretariat will remain the permanent executive body of the [OICA] (-ISR) [new organization] (+ISR) and will continue functioning in accordance with the Almaty Act, the Nur-Sultan Charter, the Statute of the Secretariat and other mandates and tasks set by the Member States. The [OICA] (-ISR) [new organization] (+ISR) Secretariat shall continue to enjoy such legal capacity as is necessary for the exercise of its functions in the territory of each Party to the 2010 CICA Convention on Privileges and Immunities.] (RUS to get back: *there is a conflict of laws in this para as legally binding CICA Convention on Privileges and Immunities deals only with CICA and does not cover a new organization*)

(7) [The] (+RUS) Current institutions of [the OICA -] (-RUS) [CICA, namely] (+RUS) the Council of Eminent Persons, Business Council, Youth Council and Think Tank Forum [-] (-RUS) will continue functioning as advisory bodies [to the [new] (-IND) organization] (+RUS), in accordance with the mandates set by the Member States. [We have established an OICA Fund as a mechanism for voluntary funding of OICA project activities.] (-RUS) (ISR: *this sentence should match the decision regarding the CICA Fund*)

4. [[In the view of the above changes,] (+RUS) We task the [CICA Council of Senior Officials and] (-ISR) [If the above institutional structure will be agreed upon, by consensus, by all member states,] (+ISR) the CICA] (+RUS) Secretariat [[with submitting] (-ISR) [will submit] (+ISR) to the Member States, through the Chairmanship, proposals for amendments] (+RUS) to [correspondingly amend] (+RUS) the relevant CICA documents [, as appropriate, in order to align them with the newly introduced terms and, where necessary, to reflect current practices and experience gained.] (-RUS)

[OP New10. We pursue a structured transformation process of CICA and, therefore, task our Ministers and Senior Officials to work out by the next Summit in 2024 a conceptual and institutional base for the said organization, including, but not limited to:

- title;
- geographical area of operation;
- primary dimensions of cooperation;
- instruments of cooperation;
- status and role of the governing and executive bodies;
- membership criteria;

- rights and obligations of members;
- chairmanship;
- interaction with third parties;
- status, structure and staffing of the Secretariat;
- appointment of the Secretary-General;
- working languages.] (+RUS) (-ISR)

[5. [The transformation process of the OICA will be carried out through structured discussions by the Member States, who will determine, when and as appropriate, further directions,] (-ISR) [As part of the consultation process of CICA, the member states should consider the topics below, including but not limited to the] (+ISR) specific elements, medium- and long-term goals and timelines of the transformation process[, including but not limited to the following] (-ISR):

- (1) [Further updating and enriching the Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures and improving the modalities of CBM implementation, including the role and tenure of Coordinators and Co-coordinators;] (-RUS: *it is premature to mention the Catalogue of CBMs in the document as at this stage it is unclear which areas of cooperation new organization will cover*)
- (2) Budget reform of the organization, including [establishing] (-ISR) [the possibility of establishing] (+ISR) mandatory budgetary funding and a scale of assessed contributions;
- (3) [Further strengthening] (-ISR) the role of the Secretary General and capacity of the Secretariat;
- (4) Human resources management reform, including [the possibility of] (+ISR) expanding geographical representation in the Secretariat workforce;
- (5) Development of [OICA] (-RUS) [future organization] (+RUS) operational activities, including [creation of] (-ISR) [the possibility of creating] (+ISR) a project management and funding framework;
- (6) Further improvement of *modi operandi* of governing bodies, other bodies and meetings.] (RUS *to get back on the possibility of merging this para with*

para OP New10)

[**OP New11**. We congratulate CICA on the considerable progress it has achieved in 30 years, look forward to meeting at the 7th CICA Summit in 2024 under the Chairmanship of the Republic of Kazakhstan and express our intent to give [there] (-IND) a new impetus to finalize the CICA transformation process.] (+RUS) (ISR: *dates to be determined according to paragraph 3*)