



**SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION  
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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 herewith the outcome documents of the Informal Meeting of the CICA Ministerial Council of 21 September 2023.

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

Astana, 21 September 2023



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Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и имеет честь препроводить итоговые документы Неформального заседания Совета министров СВМДА, состоявшегося 21 сентября 2023 года.

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

Астана, 21 сентября 2023 год



**ГОСУДАРСТВА-ЧЛЕНЫ  
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Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (АӨСШК немесе Азия Кеңесі) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесінің мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіре отырып, 2023 жылғы 21 қыркүйекте өткен АӨСШК Министрлер кеңесі бейресми отырысының қорытынды құжаттарын жолдауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

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

Астана, 2023 жылғы 21 қыркүйек

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



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Ministerial Council

New York, 21 September 2023

## DECISION OF THE CICA MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

### on a Road Map for CICA Transformation

The CICA Ministerial Council,

- Pursuant to the decisions of the Sixth CICA Summit set forth in paragraphs 1, 2 and 6 of the Astana Statement on CICA Transformation of 13 October 2022,
- Recalling that transformation of CICA into a full-fledged regional international organization is a structured, inclusive, transparent, gradual, incremental and consensus-based negotiations process,
- Reaffirming the goals of the CICA transformation process: defining the overarching areas of future cooperation and strengthening the organizational and institutional base of our interaction,
- Taking into account the deliberations at the Senior Officials Committee (SOC) and proposals made so far by Member States, the Chairmanship and the Secretary General,
- Aiming at facilitating the transformation process and making meaningful practical steps, and therefore at setting a structured agenda for these negotiations,

Decides to

1. Endorse the Road Map for CICA Transformation (RMT) proposed by the Chairmanship (MC/2023/CHAIR/1/Rev.1) as a guiding document setting an open-ended and non-exhaustive list of areas in which the Member States will consider taking necessary measures within the transformation process.
2. Request the SOC to continue discussion of all elements of the RMT, including at the working and expert level, take necessary decisions or submit recommendations for decision-making by the Ministerial Council or Summit.
3. Request the Chairmanship, with support of the Secretary General, to coordinate and facilitate the negotiation process for decision-making by the Member States.



## CICA MINISTERIAL COUNCIL STATEMENT

### on Promoting Volunteerism for Sustainable Development

We, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), having met for an informal meeting of the CICA Ministerial Council in New York on 21 September 2023,

- *Emphasizing* the importance of integration of volunteerism, as appropriate, into national development planning and strategies;
- *Recognizing* the great potential of volunteering, in line with national policies and priorities, in promoting social cohesion, good neighbourliness, peace and cooperation through non-political and non-profit activities and initiatives;
- *Acknowledging* that volunteering is a powerful and cross-cutting means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- *Recalling* numerous UN General Assembly resolutions, including UNGA Resolution A/RES/73/140 Volunteering for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, UNGA Resolution A/RES/70/129 Integrating Volunteering into Peace and Development: the Plan of Action for the Next Decade and Beyond and UNGA Resolution A/RES/76/131 Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations Volunteers Programme and Twentieth Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers;
- *Recognizing* the role of the UN Volunteers Programme in promoting volunteerism worldwide;

- *Giving support* to activities fostering the recognition and promotion of volunteering and shifting from ad hoc and isolated volunteer projects to systematic scaled work to enhance the sustainability of development outcomes;
- *Stressing* the role of volunteerism in reducing unemployment, poverty, social exclusion, environmental degradation, disaster risk and damage caused by pandemics, as well as in promoting good health, quality education and well-being;
- *Underlining* the importance of volunteerism for promoting intercultural dialogue and interaction and its role in strengthening friendly relations, mutual understanding, trust and tolerance among peoples;

Hereby decided to:

1. Acknowledge the importance of volunteerism, especially among the youth as the most socially active group of people, in mitigating the negative impact of unemployment, poverty, social exclusion, environmental degradation, disaster risk, and damage caused by pandemics and other challenges, particularly in exercising an active role in national responses and recovery, promoting good health, quality education and achieving Sustainable Development Goals in accordance with national laws and regulations;
2. Encourage recognition of the volunteers' efforts both at the national and international levels;
3. Support the initiative of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan to declare the International Year of Volunteer Mobilization for Development under the auspices of the United Nations;
4. Support the measures taken by the CICA Member States in order to promote active engagement of citizens in volunteering;
5. Participate in a Rally of Volunteer Movement Leaders of the CICA Member States to be held in Astana in 2024 under the auspices of the CICA Youth Council;

6. Encourage volunteers from the CICA Member States to take part in relevant initiatives of each other in order to support and popularize volunteerism at the regional level; also encourage such initiatives with CICA engagement as the UN Volunteer Knowledge Portal on Volunteerism, International Prize and International Civic Participation Forum “We are Together”, ASEAN Youth Volunteer Programme;
7. Support the platform of the CICA Youth Council to promote volunteerism as a positive socially amicable phenomenon to unleash and utilize the potential of the youth; use the CICA Youth Council to promote volunteerism in a comprehensive and consensus-based way;
8. Reaffirm CICA’s readiness to share experience, technical know-how and exchange best practices and plans among Member States to promote volunteerism and volunteer exchanges in a transparent and consensus-based manner;
9. Create a favourable environment intrinsic to volunteer work or volunteerism for citizens of the CICA Member States, especially for the youth, to participate in volunteer activities, both onsite and online;
10. Promote the development and implementation of joint volunteer programmes and projects (festivals, conferences, volunteer expeditions, etc.) related to a broad range of issues;
11. Promote volunteers’ participation in programmes and projects related to inter-cultural dialogue;
12. Encourage and promote the creation of a network of volunteer centres, involving organizations, student and youth groups, public associations directly engaged in volunteer activities;
13. Encourage the development of modern databases for volunteers in the CICA Member States;
14. Promote training and courses to develop technical skills and relevant competencies for volunteers;



15. Encourage the Member States to consider integrating volunteerism for sustainable development into the CICA agenda; encourage the Member States to consider sharing information about their policies, strategies, research and best practices on volunteering for sustainable development with the CICA Secretariat for placing at a dedicated section on the CICA website.



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Ministerial Council

New York, 21 September 2023

**DECISION OF THE CICA MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

**on the appointment of the next CICA Deputy Secretary General**

The CICA Ministerial Council,

Expressing gratitude to outgoing CICA Deputy Secretary General Ms. Chi Fang (China),

Appoints Ms. Zhang Ling (China) as the next CICA Deputy Secretary General for a three-year term.



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**Chairmanship of Kazakhstan**

**ROAD MAP FOR CICA TRANSFORMATION\***

This Road Map for CICA Transformation (RMT) is developed pursuant to the decisions of the Sixth CICA Summit set forth in paragraphs 1, 2 and 6 of the Astana Statement on CICA Transformation of 13 October 2022.

This document aims at assisting the Member States in determining the details of the transformation process and making a meaningful practical step, and therefore offers a structured agenda for negotiations.

The following open-ended and non-exhaustive list of areas, or clusters of transformation, is hereby proposed for detailed discussion by the Member States and taking decisions on specific measures under any cluster as and when appropriate.

1. Elaborating a charter,
2. Improving current modalities of implementation of CICA confidence building measures (CBMs) until completion of the transformation process and exploring focus areas of our cooperation within the future organization,
3. Defining the international status of the Secretariat contracted personnel, including amendments to the Host Country Agreement,
4. Updating the Rules of Procedure,
5. Updating the Guidelines for External Relations,

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\* As endorsed by the CICA Ministerial Council (document MC/DEC/2023/1 of 21 September 2023)

6. Defining the role and functions of the Secretary General and the Secretariat,
7. Elaborating budget reform,
8. Elaborating human resources management reform, including making the Secretariat more internationalized.