



**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 draft Statement of the CICA Ministers of Foreign Affairs on Promoting Volunteerism for Sustainable Development proposed by the Russian Federation for comments and suggestions by 31 May 2023.

*Enclosure:
as stated,
on 2 p.*

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

Astana, 28 April 2023



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Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и имеет честь направить проект Заявления министров иностранных дел СВМДА по продвижению волонтерства для устойчивого развития, предложенный Российской Федерацией для получения комментариев и предложений в срок до 31 мая 2023 года.

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

город Астана, 28 апреля 2023 г.



**ГОСУДАРСТВА-ЧЛЕНЫ
СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ И
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аталған, 2 п.

Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (Азия Кеңесінің) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесінің мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіреді және 2023 жылғы 31 мамырға дейінгі мерзімде түсініктемелер мен ұсыныстар алу үшін Ресей Федерациясы ұсынған Орнықты даму үшін волонтерлікті ілгерілету жөніндегі Азия Кеңесі сыртқы істер министрлерінің мәлімдемесінің жобасын жіберуді өзіне мәртебе санайды.

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

Астана қаласы, 2023 жылғы 28 сәуір

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

**Statement of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs
of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia
on Promoting Volunteerism for Sustainable Development**

We, the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), met in New York on ___ September 2023 for the Informal CICA Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs meeting;

EMPHASIZING the importance of integration of volunteerism into national development strategies;

RECOGNIZING the great potential of volunteering in promoting social cohesion, good neighborliness, peace and cooperation;

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;

GIVING SUPPORT to activities fostering the recognition and promotion of volunteering ensuring a shift from ad hoc and isolated volunteer projects to systematic scaled work;

STRESSING a crucial role of volunteerism in reducing unemployment, poverty, 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 respect for cultural and religious diversity and its role in strengthening of friendly relations, mutual understanding, trust and tolerance among peoples;

WE HEREBY DECIDE TO:

1. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the importance of volunteerism, especially among the youth as a most socially active group of people, in mitigating the negative impact of unemployment, poverty, disaster risk, 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;

2. **ENCOURAGE** recognition of the volunteers' efforts both on national and international levels;
3. **IMPROVE** the measures taken by the CICA Member States in order to promote active engagement of citizens into volunteering;
4. **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; welcome such initiatives as the International Prize and International Civic Participation Forum "We are Together", ASEAN Youth Volunteer Programme.
5. **SUPPORT** the platform of CICA Youth Council to promote volunteerism as the positive social-oriented phenomenon to unleash potential of the youth; use CICA Youth Council to promote volunteerism in a comprehensive way;
6. **REAFFIRM** the CICA Member States' readiness to share experience and exchange best practices and plans to promote volunteerism and volunteer exchanges;
7. **CREATE** a favorable environment for citizens of the CICA Member States, especially for youth, to participate in volunteer activities, both onsite and online;
8. **PROMOTE** the development and implementation of joint volunteer programs and projects (festivals, conferences, volunteer expeditions, etc.) related to a broad range of issues;
9. **PROMOTE** the creation of a network of volunteer centers, involving organizations, student and youth groups, public associations directly engaged in volunteer activities;
10. **SUPPORT** the development and promotion of modern electronic systems and databases for volunteers, such as the DOBRO.COM platform[, ...]¹ and **ENCOURAGE** to assign country operators responsible for supporting and promoting the above-mentioned platforms in the CICA Member States;
11. **PROMOTE** corporate volunteering;
12. **PROMOTE** training/courses to develop technical skills and relevant competencies for volunteers.

¹ The Russian side proposes other CICA Member States to add their national volunteer platforms to the common list of electronic volunteer systems.