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Recommendations of the First Meeting of the Women Council of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA)

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Having met, under the CICA Chairmanship of the Republic of Azerbaijan, at its first meeting organized on 14 April 2026, in Baku by the State Committee on Family, Women and Children Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan and with the support of the CICA Secretariat,

The CICA Women Council,

Acknowledging that cooperation among state institutions dealing with women affairs and women empowerment plays an important role for sustainable development of relations among CICA Member States in socio-economic and humanitarian fields,

Welcoming the progress made towards achieving empowerment of women in CICA Member States, while *stressing* the need for further actions to overcome the challenges remaining in this respect,

Noting the importance of promotion of coordination, dialogue and experience sharing among Member States for deepening cooperation in the sphere of women affairs,

Appreciating the efforts of the CICA Chairmanship of the Republic of Azerbaijan under the theme of "*Stronger CICA: Connectivity, Digitalization and Sustainable Growth in Asia*",

Expressing our resolve to support the advancement of women's empowerment in CICA Member States and in this respect, to contribute to the implementation of relevant CICA confidence building measures,

1. *Encourages* supporting measures on the enhancement of women's roles and their participation in social, economic and cultural life of their countries in line with national laws of respective CICA Member State;

2. *Calls for* active support to relevant programmes in the CICA Member States aiming to facilitate women's contribution to the implementation of sustainable development goals and targets;

3. *Recommends* adoption of national projects promoting innovations and sustainable entrepreneurship among women, as well as enhancing women's role in digitalization and private sector;

4. *Invites* CICA Member States to explore possibilities on further strengthening women's participation in environmental sustainability activities and national climate actions;

5. *Calls upon* CICA Member States to consider closer interaction in the field of promotion and protection of women's rights in line with the objectives of the Confidence Building Measures in the Human Dimension of CICA.