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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 forward herewith Revision 6 of the draft Nur-Sultan Charter for consideration at the Special Working Group meeting on 13-14 September 2022 in Nur-Sultan.

*Enclosure:
as stated,
on 6 p.*

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

Nur-Sultan, 6 September 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 направить Ревизию 6 проекта Нур-Султанской хартии для рассмотрения на заседании Специальной рабочей группы 13-14 сентября 2022 года в г. Нур-Султан.

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

город Нур-Султан, 6 сентября 2022 г.



**ГОСУДАРСТВА-ЧЛЕНЫ
СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ И
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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 2022 жылғы 13-14 қыркүйекте Нұр-Сұлтан қаласында өтетін Арнаулы жұмыс тобының отырысында қарау үшін Нұр-Сұлтан хартиясы жобасының 6-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 6 қыркүйек

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



Chairmanship of Kazakhstan

DRAFT NUR-SULTAN CHARTER

Vision towards a New Asia in the Emerging New World

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 require stronger cooperation among our Member States in response to new challenges, threats and opportunities and in promoting peace, security, stability and sustainable development, based on our shared principles and common goals, and *in order to* set directions for future development of our forum for the benefit of our peoples;

PP2. Cognizant that Asia, being vast, populous and rich in resources, economically and culturally diverse and an increasingly 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;

PP3. Recognizing the central role of the United Nations as the universal multilateral organization, *reaffirming* our commitment to the UN Charter, its principles and purposes and to universally recognized norms and principles of the international law, and *resolutely upholding* the authority and status of the UN;

PP4. Remaining convinced that effective multilateral cooperation based on the principles stipulated in the UN Charter is an important element in maintaining international peace and security, and *promoting* building international relationship based on mutual respect, fairness and justice, mutually beneficial cooperation, as well as building a community of shared future for mankind;

PP5. Reiterating the importance of preserving and strengthening the regional multilateral architecture to tackle pressing common regional issues, and to support a regional and international order anchored in international law, *taking into account* the evolution of various multilateral processes, and *underscoring* the need to strengthen cooperation between regional and international organizations and forums at all levels;

PP6. Remaining committed to our common values, principles and objectives 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, which have laid down a firm foundation to the CICA process, and to all documents adopted by the Meetings of Heads of State or Government, the Meetings of Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the Senior Officials Committee on the basis of consensus;

PP7. 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;

PP8. Based on the understanding that our security is common, comprehensive, cooperative, sustainable, indivisible and equal, and that the challenges in our region are complex and interrelated and require stronger cooperation;

PP9. 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, and *building* on what CICA has achieved in thirty years of its history;

PP10. Underlining that the CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures is our core instrument for guiding practical implementation of specific confidence building measures (CBMs) in and across the five dimensions of cooperation - the

military-political, new threats and challenges, economic, environmental and human dimensions, on bilateral and/or multilateral basis;

PP11. Emphasizing that our cooperation is aimed at promoting the basic principles of consensus, equal partnership, mutual trust, mutual benefit, peaceful development, consultation and respect for cultural diversity, while taking into account specific features and characteristics in various parts of our region;

PP12. Expressing our strong resolve to gradually and incrementally move our cooperation forward, which will enhance the prospects of dynamic, balanced, equitable and sustainable development in our region and will benefit all our peoples;

PP13. 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;

DECIDED TO CHART THE FUTURE COURSE OF OUR COOPERATION AS FOLLOWS:

OP1. We are determined to give a new impetus to CICA, thus enabling it to play a bigger role in promoting peace, security and stability in its region and to contribute to building a stronger and more secure and prosperous Asia;

OP2. We are resolved 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 development;

OP3. We undertake to step up our efforts 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 CBMs;

OP4. We hereby launch the structured, inclusive, transparent negotiations process of gradual, incremental and consensus-based transformation of CICA into a full-fledged regional international organization through further

institutionalization and strengthening the capacity of our organization;

OP5. The process of transforming CICA will pursue the following major goals: defining the overarching areas of our future cooperation and strengthening the organizational and institutional base of our interaction;

OP6. We envision our organization as contributing to dynamic, equitable, comprehensive and balanced economic growth, connectivity, social and cultural development of its Member States. Our organization will strive to create an open and interconnected region where all our peoples can live in security and prosperity. We will strengthen our collective work within our organization in order to seek joint solutions for our common challenges of the twenty first century;

OP7. Our organization will interact and cooperate in areas of interest of all Member States with other states, organizations and fora sharing the same goals and principles for the purpose of strengthening results-oriented and consensus-based multilateral cooperation in our region;

OP8. 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;

OP9. We reaffirm the current institutional structure of our organization and decide that:

(1) As the first step of the transformation process, the Meeting of Heads of State or Government (Summit) and the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Ministerial Meeting) shall henceforth 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 and Ministerial Council shall be convened biennially with a one-year interval between them;

(3) To reflect the role of Executive Director of the CICA Secretariat as the forum's Chief Administrative Officer, this position shall henceforth be referred to as Secretary General of our organization, while preserving its functions;

(4) To task the Secretariat with submitting to the Member States, through the Chairmanship, proposals for amendments to the relevant CICA documents for approval by the respective governing bodies;

OP10. The Member States will determine, when and as appropriate, further directions, specific elements, medium- and long-term goals and timelines of the transformation process. As part of this process, the Member States will consider, *inter alia*, the following topics:

(1) Further updating and enriching the Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures, improving the modalities of CBM implementation and reviewing the primary dimensions of cooperation;

(2) Financial obligations of the Member States and budget reform of the organization, including the possibility of establishing mandatory budgetary funding and a scale of assessed contributions;

(3) Further strengthening the role of the Secretary General and capacity of the Secretariat, including review of its status, structure and procedures for the appointment of the Secretary General;

(4) Human resources management reform, including the ways of expanding geographical representation in the Secretariat workforce;

(5) Development of our organization's operational activities, including a project management and funding framework;

(6) Instruments of cooperation between Member States, including the status, role and further improvement of *modi operandi* of governing bodies, other bodies and meetings, in particular review of the Rules of Procedure and working languages of the organization;

(7) The role of the Chairmanship, its tenure, appointment procedures and related matters.

OP11. We congratulate CICA on the considerable progress it has achieved in 30 years of evolution and request the Chairmanship to submit progress reports on the transformation process to the next meetings of the Ministerial Council and the Council of Heads of State or Government.