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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 a draft outcome document of the CICA Ministerial Conference on Environmental Issues scheduled for 28 August 2024.

*Enclosure:  
as stated,  
on 5 p.*

The draft outcome document was considered at the Experts Meetings on 19 February and 5 March 2024, and will be submitted for consideration at the next meetings of the Special Working Group and the Senior Officials Committee.

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

Astana, 6 March 2024



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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 проект итогового документа Министерской конференции СВМДА по проблемам экологии, запланированной на 28 августа 2024 года.

*Приложение:  
упомянутое,  
на 5 л.*

Проект итогового документа был рассмотрен на встречах экспертов 19 февраля и 5 марта 2024 года и будет представлен на рассмотрение ближайших заседаний Специальной рабочей группы и Комитета старших должностных лиц.

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

город Астана, 6 марта 2024 г.



**ГОСУДАРСТВА-ЧЛЕНЫ  
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аталған, 5 п.

Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (Азия Кеңесінің) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттерге өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіреді және Азия Кеңесі Төрағалығының атынан 2024 жылғы 28 тамызда өтетін Азия Кеңесінің Экология мәселелері жөніндегі министрлік конференциясының қорытынды құжат жобасын жолдауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

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Астана қаласы, 2024 жылғы 6 наурыз

**АЗИЯДАҒЫ ӨЗАРА ІС-ҚИМЫЛ ЖӘНЕ  
СЕНІМ ШАРАЛАРЫ КЕҢЕСІНЕ  
МҮШЕ МЕМЛЕКЕТТЕР**

## **HIGH-LEVEL STATEMENT OF THE CICA MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

*Astana, 28 August 2024*

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We, the Ministers responsible for environmental affairs and high-level representatives of the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), convened in Astana for the CICA Ministerial Conference on Environmental Issues on 28 August 2024, at the invitation of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

We thank President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev for his visionary initiative during the Sixth CICA Summit to hold this Conference.

Reaffirming our commitment to addressing the urgent environmental challenges facing the CICA region, we acknowledge the increasing impact of climate change and its potential implications.

Ensuring just, orderly, fair and equitable transitions towards low-emission, climate-resilient and sustainable economies is also relevant to the issue of decarbonization.

Mindful of our common but differentiated responsibilities to preserve, protect and improve our environment for the present and future generations, we stress the importance of fostering cooperation and implementing effective measures to address pressing environmental issues such as climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. Asia's diversity and rich potential in natural resources in a rapidly changing climate requires collaborative efforts to ensure the

conservation of our natural resources and mitigation of environmental risks as well as adaptation to such risks.

Emphasizing cooperation in confronting climate disasters before and after they occur and delivering humanitarian and environmental aid to citizens of countries.

Encouraging CICA Member States to submit joint regional projects to confront the negative effects of climate change and nature loss and pollution. Holding conferences and seminars for CICA countries to enhance environmental cooperation.

We commit to supporting CICA Member States in achieving their environmental goals and to promoting sustainability in our nations.

Recognizing the vulnerability of many CICA Member States to climate change, we stress collective action on the basis of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities within the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Paris Agreement, CICA Member States encourage developed countries to provide new financial sources to finance adaptation and mitigation measures of developing countries to address loss and damage and adaptation issues.

Acknowledging the comprehensive significance of a green economy in the context of Sustainable Development, we strongly commit to adopting measures to increase ecological awareness and cultivate ecological culture. Our goal is to exchange knowledge, best practices and practical experiences on circular economy and enhance cooperation for sustainable development goals in a balanced and integrated manner under the CICA platform, while recognizing the special capacities and capabilities of developing countries in this regard.

Emphasizing the critical importance of multilateral cooperation and knowledge exchange among CICA Member States, including the regional implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

[Acknowledging the importance of Jordan's Climate-Refugee Nexus initiative, announced during COP27, an initiative that will prioritize support for refugee-hosting countries disproportionately impacted by the climate crisis] (+JOR) (-IND) (-CHN) (-CHAIR)

[Taking into consideration the key principles to address pollution within our region focused on three pillars: eliminate waste and pollution, circulate products and materials (at their highest value), and regenerate nature.] (+CAM) (-EGY)

Emphasizing the critical nature of clean water, water conservation, climate resilience in the water sector, as well as marine and coastal ecosystem conservation, we stress the importance of continuous efforts for restoration of coastal ecosystem for coastal protection as well as enhancing integrated and sustainable water management related to environment at all appropriate levels through extensive exchange of best practices.

Strengthening cooperation in the field of adaptation, especially the agriculture, health, and water sectors, and cooperation should be encouraged to achieve water sustainability, food security and nutrition and good health for all countries.

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

1. [Acknowledging the vital need for permanent regional collaboration and consistent sharing of best practices, fostering regular meetings, and jointly formulating strategies, as appropriate, to tackle environmental challenges within the CICA framework, we believe it is rational to institutionalize cooperation between CICA Member States in the field of ecology and the

environment by creating a CICA advisory body, namely the CICA Environmental Council. This recommendation reflects our collective commitment to proactive and sustained efforts in addressing the pressing environmental issues facing our region.] (-RUS) (-IND) (+CHAIR)

2. In pursuit of sustainable environmental policy, we advocate the initiation of discussions and exchange of experiences of Carbon Market among CICA Member States, in respect to the capabilities of each country.
3. Strengthen cooperation in the field of water management related to environment, including capacity building and mutual technological transfer especially in line with the sustainable development goals.
4. Understanding the gravity of climate change and its cross-cutting impact on our region, we affirm our commitment to engage in exchange of experiences, best practices and achievements to tackle climate change and its impact and adaptation within the purview of UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement and in the context of Sustainable Development and poverty eradication. These actions will address the negative consequences of environmental factors and engage all relevant stakeholders in a collective effort to promote environmental awareness in the CICA region.
5. Increase capacity building efforts across various aspects of marine and coastal management, biodiversity conservation, marine and coastal spatial planning, coastal ecosystem protection and restoration, to empower stakeholders with the knowledge and skills necessary for effective and sustainable management practices.
6. We commit to strengthening the exchange of experience on climate change, biodiversity loss, and air pollution control caused by industry, energy, and transport to improve the air quality, and enhance the quality of life and health.

In conclusion, we reiterate our commitment to the principles of CICA and our common but differentiated responsibilities to address environmental and climate challenges. This High-level statement serves as a testament to our collective determination to create a sustainable future for the CICA region.

Astana, 28 August 2024