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on 2 p.*

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 the Concept Paper of Opening the CICA Alley in the Capitals of the CICA Member States, which will be presented at the SOC meeting on 19 April 2023.

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

Astana, 12 April 2023



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город Астана, 12 апреля 2023 года



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Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (Азия Кеңесінің) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесінің мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіре отырып, Азия Кеңесі Төрағалығының атынан 2023 жылғы 19 сәуірде АЛТК отырысында ұсынылатын Мүше мемлекеттердің астаналарында Азия Кеңесінің аллеясын ашу жөніндегі тұжырымдаманы жолдауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

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

Астана қаласы, 2023 жылғы 12 сәуір

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



Chairmanship of Kazakhstan

**Concept paper
of opening the CICA Alley
in the capitals of the CICA Member States**

Introduction

On 1 June 2021, the *Alley of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA)* was inaugurated in the Presidential Park of Astana by the CICA Secretariat together with the Sustainable Development Earth Foundation with the participation of the heads of diplomatic mission of the CICA Member States and Observer States. The organizers and guests of the event planted 30 seedlings of red rowan in the Presidential Park, symbolizing peace, fertility and well-being. In 2022, the CICA Alley was expanded with new varieties of Sievers apple and sakura trees.

This project corresponds to the main goals of CICA under the environmental dimension and represents a contribution of the forum to reaching the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Planting activities contribute to raising awareness of the importance of forest resources in the global ecosystem and help to combat global climate change, protect the environment, pass on healthy Earth to future generations, and the CICA Alley itself is making the planet greener.

It is noteworthy that the international practice has such examples as the global campaign “Planting the Trees of Peace” through which more than 5,600 trees were planted in more than 20 countries in 2021. The action brought together people of different nationalities, religions and cultures, both government representatives and ordinary citizens, adults and children, from almost all continents – Asia, Europe, Africa, North and South America.

In 2020, President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev initiated planting 2 billion trees in the forests and 15 million trees in the settlements of the country within 5 years.

At the Sixth CICA Summit, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev proposed to unite the efforts of the CICA countries and launch regular expert

consultations under the Green Asia conceptual programme on intensive efforts to make the CICA countries greener and to support vulnerable ecosystems. The President of Mongolia initiated the national movement “One Billion Trees” for planting, growing and protecting forest resources.

Taking into account the above, the Chairmanship represented by the Republic of Kazakhstan proposes to plant the CICA Alley in the capitals of the CICA Member States.

Initiator: Republic of Kazakhstan

Participants: CICA Member States, environmental organizations and movements, youth and volunteer associations of CICA countries, etc.

Objectives and expected results:

- Enhancing international cooperation and uniting efforts of Asian countries in the field of environmental protection;
- Active involvement of environmental movements, as well as other stakeholders in promoting the core values of greening, combating climate change, and protecting environment in the CICA region;
- CICA’s contribution to the promotion of sustainable development worldwide and practical contribution to the implementation of national policies in the field of environmental protection;
- Increasing visibility of the Organization.

Proposed actions to implement the initiative:

- Opening of the CICA Alley in the capitals of the Member States with the participation of the diplomatic corps in accordance with the parameters determined by the Member States themselves in 2023-2024;
- Wide public coverage of the opening of the CICA Alley in local and international media;
- Submitting information and photos of the opening of the Alley to the CICA Secretariat to publish on the CICA website and to issue a special booklet.

Implementation period: 2023-2024.