



**SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION  
AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES IN ASIA**

**СЕКРЕТАРИАТ СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ  
И МЕРАМ ДОВЕРИЯ В АЗИИ**

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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 the following documents resulting from the Special Working Group (SWG) meeting on 13-14 September 2022:

- Recommendations of the SWG;
- Revision 3 of the draft Regulations of the CICA Fund as agreed by the SWG;
- Podium version of the draft Nur-Sultan Charter;
- Podium version of the draft CICA Leaders' Statement on Cooperation in the Field of Security of and in the Use of ICTs;
- Draft Concept Paper on Implementation of CICA Confidence Building Measures in the Field of Development of Secure and Effective Systems of Transportation Corridors for 2022-2023 as agreed by the SWG.

*Enclosure:  
as stated,  
on 21 p.*

The Secretariat has also the honour to remind the Member States that the next SWG meeting will take place in Nur-Sultan on 28-29 September 2022 in the offline mode.

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

Nur-Sultan, 14 September 2022

**MEMBER STATES  
OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION  
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Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и имеет честь препроводить следующие документы по итогам заседания Специальной рабочей группы (СРГ) 13-14 сентября 2022 года:

*Приложение:  
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на 21 л.*

- Рекомендации СРГ;
- Ревизия 3 проекта Положения о Фонде СВМДА, согласованная СРГ;
- Подиумная версия проекта Нур-Султанской хартии;
- Подиумная версия проекта Заявления лидеров СВМДА о сотрудничестве в сфере безопасности ИКТ и их использования;
- Проект Концепции по осуществлению мер доверия СВМДА в сфере развития безопасных и эффективных систем транспортных коридоров на 2022-2023 годы, согласованный СРГ.

Секретариат также имеет честь напомнить государствам-членам о следующем заседании СРГ, которое состоится в офлайн формате в г. Нур-Султан 28-29 сентября 2022 года.

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

город Нур-Султан, 14 сентября 2022 г.

**ГОСУДАРСТВА-ЧЛЕНЫ  
СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ И  
МЕРАМ ДОВЕРИЯ В АЗИИ**



Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (Азия Кеңесінің) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесінің мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіреді және 2022 жылғы 13-14 қыркүйектегі Арнаулы жұмыс тобы (АЖТ) отырысының қорытындысы бойынша келесі құжаттарды жолдауды өзіне мәртебе санайды:

- АЖТ ұсыныстары;
- АЖТ келісілген Азия Кеңесінің Қоры туралы ереже жобасының 3-ревизиясы;
- Нұр-Сұлтан хартиясы жобасының подиум нұсқасы;
- Ақпараттық-коммуникациялық технологияларды пайдалану қауіпсіздігі және ақпараттық-коммуникациялық технологиялардың қауіпсіздігі саласындағы ынтымақтастық туралы Азия Кеңесі Мемлекет басшылары мәлімдемесі жобасының подиум нұсқасы;
- АЖТ келісілген Азия Кеңесінің 2022-2023 жылдарға арналған көлік дәліздерінің қауіпсіз және тиімді жүйелерін дамыту саласындағы сенім шараларын іске асыру жөніндегі тұжырымдама жобасы.

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Сондай-ақ, Хатшылық мүше мемлекеттерге келесі АЖТ отырысы ү.ж. 28-29 қыркүйекте Нұр-Сұлтан қаласында офлайн форматта өтетінін еске салуды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

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

Нұр-Сұлтан қаласы, 2022 жылғы 14 қыркүйек

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



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Secretariat

**RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**of the Special Working Group meeting on 13-14 September 2022**

The Special Working Group (SWG) at its meeting in Nur-Sultan on 13-14 September 2022 recommended the following:

1. The SWG discussed the draft Regulations of the CICA Fund and recommended to the Senior Officials Committee (SOC) that it approve the draft Regulations for adoption by the CICA Summit.
2. The SWG recommended to the SOC that it approve Kyrgyzstan as Co-coordinator in the priority area “Trade and Investment” and accordingly amend the SOC decision on the list of coordinating and co-coordinating countries for implementing confidence building measures (CBMs) under priority areas of CICA dimensions.
3. The SWG considered the draft Concept Paper on Development of Secure and Effective Systems of Transportation Corridors for 2022-2023 and recommended its approval by the SOC.



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**Chairmanship of Kazakhstan**

**DRAFT DECISION OF THE CICA SUMMIT MEETING**

**Regulations of the Fund  
of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence  
Building Measures in Asia**

The CICA Summit,

Decides to establish and adopt the following Regulations of the Fund of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA).

**Article 1  
General provisions**

1.1 These Regulations define the objectives, structure and mode of operation of the CICA Fund.

1.2 The CICA Fund is a special mechanism for identification of CICA projects and mobilization of voluntary funding for their implementation.

1.3 The Fund's objective is to facilitate realization of CICA goals in practice by financing project activities implemented within the mandate and framework of CICA.

1.4 The Fund shall operate based on the principles of transparency, voluntariness, consensus and accountability to the Member States.

1.5 The Fund's resources shall be used exclusively to finance activities and projects which are consistent with the CICA goals and principles outlined in the Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations Between the CICA Member States of 1999 and the Almaty Act of 2002, and are approved by the Member States in accordance with these Regulations.

1.6 All project activities financed by the Fund shall be implemented with respect to sovereignty and territorial integrity of all Member States, in agreement with the beneficiary or recipient Member State and in compliance with the principles of transparency and financial accountability.

1.7 The financing of projects by the Fund shall be on a non-reimbursable basis, including in the form of grants, donations, technical assistance or other forms.

1.8 The Fund's resources shall not be considered as the part of the CICA Secretariat's budget and shall be kept in a separate bank account of the CICA Secretariat.

1.9 The immunity of the Fund and the safety of its resources are guaranteed by the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Secretariat, its Personnel and Representatives of Members of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia of 2010 and the Host Country Agreement between the Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan regarding the Terms and Conditions of the Secretariat's Location in the Territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan of 2007.

## **Article 2**

### **The use of the Fund's resources**

2.1 The Fund's resources shall be used for financing projects in the following areas:

2.1.1 Programmes and projects to assist Member States in pursuing development goals in line with CICA objectives.

2.1.2 Projects carried out as part of practical implementation of CICA confidence building measures as contained in the CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures (CBMs), including but not limited to CBM events in the form of meetings, conferences, seminars, workshops, symposia, round tables, training events, etc.

2.1.3 Research and development of scientific, analytical and information materials and publications within the framework of CICA.

2.1.4 Humanitarian assistance to Member States.

2.1.5 Other projects approved for financing by the Fund.

2.2 Any Member State may propose projects for financing by the Fund.

2.3 The project proposals shall contain all relevant project elements, including minimum requirements for project quality, such as objectives, justification and feasibility of the project, expected outcomes, project implementation plan and timeframe, project budget, information on the implementing agency and a schedule for submitting interim and final reports. Member States, through the CICA Secretariat; and the CICA Executive Director may request additional information from the project originators and/or implementing agency.

### **Article 3**

#### **Project review and approval process**

3.1 The project proposals shall be submitted to the CICA Secretariat for circulation to all Member States. The Member States shall review and, on the basis of consensus, approve the project at the Project Review Committee (PRC).

3.2 The PRC shall consist of official representatives with the relevant expertise from all Member States authorized by his/her Member State to represent it at the PRC. The PRC shall be chaired by the Chairmanship in coordination with the CICA Secretariat.

3.3 The projects approved by the PRC shall be added to the List of Approved Projects for possible financing by the Fund. The List shall be posted and regularly updated on the website of the CICA Secretariat.

3.4 Meetings of the PRC shall be convened by the Chairmanship as necessary for consideration of the proposed projects or pledges of contribution or of other needs associated with the operation of the Fund. The Secretariat shall prepare and circulate minutes of PRC meetings to all Member States. As necessary, the Chairmanship may propose the PRC to consider certain issues intersessionally, through a silence procedure.

3.5 The Chairmanship shall develop the agenda for PRC meetings. The format, venue and date of a PRC meeting shall be determined by the Chairmanship in consultation with the host.

3.6 Organizational costs, associated with the holding of the PRC meeting, shall be incurred by the host, travel expenses of meeting participants shall be borne by the sending party.

## **Article 4**

### **Sources of funding**

4.1 The Fund shall be formed from the following sources:

4.1.1 Voluntary monetary contributions from the Member States and/or their national development assistance agencies. Acceptance of such contributions does not need approval by the Member States.

4.1.2 Voluntary monetary contributions from external sources, such as Observer States, other non-Member States, observer organizations, partner organizations, international organizations and forums, international non-governmental organizations, national and international financial institutions and development agencies, legal entities and individuals. Acceptance of such contributions shall be subject to prior approval by the Member States.

4.2 Monetary contributions shall not be accepted from donors whose goals and principles contradict the goals and principles of CICA.

4.3 Donors may provide (i) contributions earmarked for certain projects from the List of Approved Projects; (ii) contributions earmarked for specific areas of activities; or (iii) non-earmarked contributions.

4.4 Any pledge of contribution should be submitted to the Secretariat for informing all Member States about the donor, total amount of the offered contribution and its purpose, and any other relevant aspects of the pledge. Pledges from external sources referred to in p.4.1.2 above shall be reviewed and, on the basis of consensus, accepted by the Member States at the PRC, including on the basis of criteria referred to in p.4.2 above.

4.5 Upon receipt of each contribution, the CICA Executive Director shall provide all Member States with the information on the total amount of resources available in the Fund, indicating the donors and contribution related details.

4.6 The Chairmanship, Member States and the CICA Executive Director may carry out fundraising activities, search potential donors and interact with them.

## **Article 5**

### **Mechanism of funding and control over implementation of projects**

5.1 The allocation of the Fund's resources for financing the projects specified in the List of Approved Projects shall be done by the Member States



through the PRC, except for allocation of contributions from Member States already earmarked by the donor to certain approved projects.

5.2 The Chairmanship, Member States and the CICA Executive Director may suggest the PRC to use the available non-earmarked resources for financing unfunded projects from the List of Approved Projects.

5.3 Responsibility for ensuring due implementation of projects financed from the Fund shall rest with a Member State receiving its funds (Beneficiary).

5.4 The Beneficiary shall submit to all Member States, through the Secretariat, interim reports and final report on implementation of a project, including the information on achievement of project goals, financial statements and other required data.

5.5 In order to assist the Beneficiary to ensure transparency and reporting to the PRC, a project group shall oversee the progress of a project during the entire period of its implementation. The project group will consist of representatives of the Chairmanship, Beneficiary and the donors, and Members of the PRC participating on a voluntary basis, and will be coordinated by the Secretariat.

## **Article 6**

### **Financial statements**

6.1 The Secretariat shall circulate to the Member States an annual financial statement no later than 31 March of the year following the reporting financial period. The financial statement shall include information on the received, allocated and unused resources of the Fund as at the end of the reporting financial period. The financial period shall mean a calendar year. The Beneficiaries shall submit to the Secretariat all the required data in order to produce such a statement.

## **Article 7**

### **External audit**

7.1 External audit of the Fund shall be conducted by the decision of the SOC as often as necessary and at least once in two years in case of operational activity.

7.2 External audit shall be conducted by an audit institution nominated by a Member State and authorized by the SOC. Any Member State may nominate an external auditor.

7.3 The audit report shall be circulated to all Member States by the Secretariat.

7.4 The Fund's Beneficiaries shall submit, upon request, all the required documents to the external auditor.

7.5 External audit shall be conducted at the expense of the Member State that nominated the external auditor.

7.6 In case no Member State wishes to nominate an external auditor, the SOC will decide to allocate resources of the CICA Fund to cover expenses for an external audit.

## **Article 8**

### **Final provisions**

8.1 These Regulations shall be adopted by the CICA Summit and shall enter into force on the date of adoption. The SOC may amend these Regulations and will further improve modalities of operation of the Fund and its project management framework.

8.2 Should the legal status of CICA be changed, these Regulations shall no longer be effective.

8.3 The CICA Secretariat shall propose for approval by the SOC specific project management elements, including but not limited to project selection and evaluation criteria, project proposal and reporting templates, and other elements and procedures as necessary.

8.4 All disputes related to the operation of the Fund shall be settled through consultations among all relevant parties.



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Chairmanship of Kazakhstan

***PODIUM VERSION***  
***as of the closure of SWG meeting on 14 September 2022***

DRAFT NUR-SULTAN [CHARTER] (-RUS) (-EGY) (-VIE)

[Vision towards a New Asia in the Emerging New World] (-RUS)

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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] (-RUS) (+IRAN) (+BANGL) (+EGY) (+TUR) [, our region] (+IRAN) [our region] (+RUS) (-BANGL) (-IRAN) (-EGY) (-TUR), being vast, populous and rich in resources, economically and culturally diverse and an increasingly interdependent region in the [multipolar] (+RUS) 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, facilitate the growth of trade and investment and improve the economic and social well-being of our peoples; (ISR: keep original)

*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, including respect for the principles of sovereign equality, territorial integrity, political independence, non-interference in internal affairs, refraining from the threat or use of force, [respecting legitimate security concerns of all countries] (VIE tcb) (-IND) and settlement of disputes by peaceful means [through dialogue and consultation] (+CHN) (VIE tcb), and *resolutely upholding* the authority and status of the UN; (+EGY)

PP4. *Remaining* convinced that effective multilateral cooperation based on the [objects, purposes and] (+VIE) principles stipulated in the UN Charter is an important element in maintaining international peace and security, [opposing unilateralism and cold-war mentality, refraining from group politics and bloc confrontation,] (+CHN) (+RUS) (-IND) (-EGY) (-BANGL) (-ISR) and *promoting* building international relationship based on mutual respect, [mutual understanding and tolerance] (+IND) (+ISR) (+ROK) (-RUS) (IRAN tcb) [[[fairness and justice, mutually beneficial cooperation, as well as building a community of shared future for mankind]]] (-IND) (-ISR) (-ROK) (+CHN);

PP5. *Reiterating* the importance of preserving and strengthening the regional multilateral architecture to tackle pressing common regional issues [including traditional and non-traditional security issues, including terrorism, climate change, maritime security] (VIE tcb), and to support a regional and international order [anchored in] [based on] (+VIE) (+EGY) international law [including through pursuing peaceful settlement of disputes without resorting to the threat or use of force, as well as ensuring safety, security, and freedom of navigation and aviation, in accordance with the UN Charter and the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea] (VIE tcb), *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; (TUR, IRAN, CHAIR, EGY, IND, BANGL, ISR: keep original) (CHN tcb) [CICA has always supported the [development of] (-BANGL) platforms focused on constructive cooperation such as SCO and ASEAN;] (+RUS) (+CHAIR) (VIE tcb) (-EGY) (-ISR) (TUR tcb) (IRAN: add ECO)

[Add. PP1. In accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and international law, we reaffirm the importance of our shared commitment to maintaining and promoting peace and stability, pursuing peaceful settlement of disputes without resorting to the threat or use of force, as well as ensuring safety,

security and freedom of navigation and aviation.] (+VIE)

**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 by 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, security and prosperity throughout the region;**

*PP8. Based on the understanding that [our security is [common,] (-ROK) (-BANGL) comprehensive, cooperative, sustainable [, indivisible and equal] (-ROK) (-BANGL), and] (-IND) (+CHN) that the challenges in our region [, including terrorism, climate change, cybersecurity, biosecurity, food security, water security, maritime safety and security] (+VIE) (-IND) (-ISR) (-EGY) are complex and interrelated and require stronger cooperation [by upholding the principle of indivisible security to maintain security in both traditional and non-traditional domains as well as to cope with regional disputes and global challenges such as terrorism, climate change, cybersecurity and biosecurity;] (+CHN) (-IND) (-ISR) (RUS, BANGL, EGY: keep original)*

*PP9. Acknowledging that our forum has successfully served 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; [[and to establish a balanced, effective and sustainable regional security architecture;]] (+CHN) (-ISR) (-BANGL) (-IND) (-EGY)*

**PP10. Underlining the importance of the CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures as the core instrument of CICA 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 [maintaining and] (+VIE) promoting [peace, security, stability and development in the region, on the basis] (+VIE) [the basic principles] (-VIE) of consensus, equal partnership, mutual trust, mutual benefit, [peaceful development,] (-VIE) consultation [and respect for] (-CHN) [,] cultural diversity, [and respect for independent choices of development paths and social systems made by different countries,] (+CHN) while taking into account specific features and characteristics in various parts of our region; (IND, CHAIR, EGY, ISR : keep original)

*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; [We are committed to upholding innovation, coordination, green, open and shared development concept, promoting cooperation in the spirit of Global Development Initiative, enhancing docking of development strategies, accelerating the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 goals.] (+CHN) (IND, ISR: keep original)

***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 hereby launch the structured, inclusive and transparent negotiations process of gradual, incremental and consensus-based transformation of CICA into a full-fledged regional international organization;**

[OP2. Once the transformation process is finalized by consensus by all Member States, the future name of CICA will [be determined;] (+RUS) [[henceforth be known as] (+EGY)] (+ISR) (+IND) (+BANGL) (+TUR) the Organization for Interaction and Cooperation in Asia (OICA);] (-RUS)

**OP3. 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;**

**OP4. We also envision our organization as contributing to dynamic, equitable, comprehensive and balanced economic growth, connectivity, social and cultural development of its Member States. We will strengthen our collective work within our organization in order to seek joint solutions for our common challenges of the twenty first century towards a secure and prosperous region and to pursue peaceful settlement of disputes in accordance with the UN Charter;**

**OP5. 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;**

**OP6. As the first step of the transformation process, we decide that:**

**(1) 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 Executive Director of the CICA Secretariat shall henceforth be referred to as Secretary General;**

**(3) The Secretariat will submit to the Member States, through the Chairmanship, proposals for amendments to the relevant CICA documents for approval by the respective governing bodies;**

**OP7. The Member States will determine, when and as appropriate, directions, specific elements, medium- and long-term goals and timelines of the transformation process [in order to deepen our cooperation in Asia [and the whole Eurasian continent] (-EGY)] (+RUS). (+CHAIR) (-TUR) (-IND)**

OP8. With a view to making a meaningful practical step in transformation of CICA into a full-fledged regional international organization, we request the Secretary General to make proposals, in close consultation with Member States, during 2023 on necessary measures for consideration by the Member States; (IND tcb) (VIE tcb) (RUS tcb)

**OP9. 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.**

[OP X. The situation in the Middle East continues to cause concern and we call on all interested parties to implement related UN resolutions to achieve a peace, security and stability in this region. We also consider it essential to revive negotiations on the Middle East Peace Process, in order to achieve the two state solution, based on international law, relevant UN resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative on two sovereign states living next to each other in peace, harmony, tranquility and security. We stay committed to the right of Palestinians to have an independent, and fully sovereign Palestinian state on the border lines of 4 June 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital, and we strongly support the Historic Hashemite Custodianship of the Holy sites in the Holy City of Jerusalem. We stand firm against any unilateral decision that might lead to changing the status quo of the holy city of Jerusalem. We remain fully concerned about the current financial situation of The United Nations Relief and Works Agency.] (+PAL) (+EGY) (+QATAR), (+BANGL), (+IRAN with reservation), (-ISR), (+IRAQ), (+TUR), (+JORDAN)

[We express support of the recent developments in the Middle East with the historic signing of the “Abraham accords” and the tripartite declaration. These peace agreements that established full diplomatic relations between Israel, UAE, Bahrain and Morocco will strengthen regional cooperation in various fields and promote peace, economic growth and prosperity. We call all interested parties to support the efforts to achieve peace, security and stability in this region. We also consider it essential to revive negotiations on the Middle East Peace Process, in order to achieve an agreed solution between Israel and the Palestinians.] (+ISR) (-EGY) (-QATAR), (-BANGL), (-IRAN), (-IRAQ), (-PAL), (-JORDAN)





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Chairmanship of Kazakhstan

***PODIUM VERSION***  
***as of the closure of SWG meeting on 14 September 2022***

**Draft CICA Leaders' Statement on Cooperation in the Field of Security of  
and in the Use of Information and Communication Technologies**

**We, the Leaders of the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA), gathered in Nur-Sultan for the Sixth CICA Summit on 12-13 October 2022,**

***Recognizing* the unprecedented progress in the development and use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) and their increasing influence, including due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on everyday life and on the political, economic, humanitarian and other components of national and international security and stability that shape the global information space,**

***Expressing* concern about the use of ICTs for purposes that are inconsistent with the objectives of maintaining international peace, security and stability, as well as about the increasing risks in the sphere of data security,**

***Considering* it necessary to promote the prevention of the use of ICTs for terrorism and other criminal purposes,**

***Noting* the risks and consequences of division of the Internet,**

***Recognizing* the [priority of developing, under the auspices of the United Nations (UN), universal [[and] (-RUS) [, *inter alia*,] (+RUS) [legally binding]] (+IRAN) (+EGY) (+PAL) (+RUS) rules, norms and principles of responsible behavior of States in information space [and making them legally binding] (-**

IRAN),] (-ISR) (+RUS) (+CHN) [importance of implementing the agreed upon voluntary norms for responsible behavior of States in Cyberspace while] (+ISR) (-CHN) (-IRAN) (-PAL) (-RUS)

[Alt. Reaffirming that voluntary, non-binding norms of responsible State behaviour can reduce risks to international peace, security and stability, and do not seek to limit or prohibit action that is otherwise consistent with international law but nonetheless to set standards for responsible State behaviour, while also reaffirming that, given the unique attributes of information and communications technologies, additional norms could be developed over time and, separately, noting the possibility of future elaboration of additional binding obligations, if appropriate.] (+IND)

[Alt. Voluntary, non-binding norms of responsible State behaviour can reduce risks to international peace, security and stability and play an important role in increasing predictability and reducing risks of misperceptions, thus contributing to the prevention of conflict. States stressed that such norms reflect the expectations and standards of the international community regarding the behaviour of States in their use of ICTs and allow the international community to assess the activities of States. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/237, and acknowledging General Assembly resolution 73/27 States were called upon to avoid and refrain from use of ICTs not in line with the norms for responsible State behaviour.] (+ISR)

[Emphasizing that any rules, norms and principles of responsible behavior of the States in information space should not undermine in any way the national security, identity and integrity as well as cultural values and public order of other Member States] (+IRAN) (ISR get back)

[Considering that it is necessary to ensure the responsibility of the private sector and platforms with extra territorial impact in ICTs domain] (+IRAN)

**Recognizing also that capacity building is important for countering common threats in the field of security of and in the use of ICTs,**

**DECLARE THE FOLLOWING:**

1. We decide to stand in solidarity and support further strengthening of cooperation among the CICA Member States in ensuring security of and in the use of ICTs with equal [and balanced] (+IRAN) emphasis on development and security.

2. We stand for preventing interstate conflicts that may arise from the unlawful use of ICTs, including through [reducing the risk of misunderstandings between the CICA Member States and increasing confidence, in order to ensure national, regional and international security.] (-CHN) (+RUS) [observing and implementing the [[voluntary and non-binding]] (+IND) (+ISR) (RUS get back) framework for responsible states behavior in the use of ICTs.] (+CHN) (+RUS)

3. [We reaffirm the commonality of approaches to ensuring security of and in the use of ICTs and declare that the development and use of ICTs in international cooperation based on universally recognized principles of international law, primarily the UN Charter, [in particular the sovereign equality of States, non-use of force or threat of force, peaceful settlement of international disputes, non-interference in the internal affairs of States, territorial integrity of States, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,] (-ISR) are of paramount importance for shaping an open, secure, stable, accessible and peaceful ICT environment.](-ISR) (+EGY) (+CHN) (+IRAN)

[Alt. International law, in particular the Chapter 3 of the United Nations, is applicable and is essential to maintaining peace and stability and promoting an open, secure, stable, accessible and peaceful ICT environment] (+ISR)

4. We recognize the importance of the global discussion on security of and in the use of ICTs. In this context, we welcome the launch of the UN Open-ended Working Group on Security of and in the Use of ICTs 2021-2025 [[and note that the 2021-2025 OEWG has also included data security in its agenda, and in this respect, the Global Initiative on Data Security, as well as other proposals, could serve as a useful basis for further discussion within the OEWG]] (-IND) (-ISR) (-EGY) (+CHN) (+RUS) (+IRAN). We also note the common desire for the active participation in its work, as well as for the close interaction between the CICA Member States within the Group.

**5. We recognize the importance of active participation in the work of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee of experts, under the auspices of the UN, to elaborate a comprehensive international convention on countering the use of ICTs for criminal purposes and the need to further strengthen international cooperation in this area. We support voluntary exchange of views, approaches and best practices in the field of countering the use of ICTs for criminal purposes.**

**6. We reaffirm the need to assist developing CICA Member States in building capacity in the area of information security and bridging the 'digital divide' in order to ensure security and sustainability of the global information space.**

7. We reaffirm the importance of exchanging views and approaches between CICA Member States on Internet governance issues based on the decisions of the Tunis Agenda of the 2005 World Summit on the Information Society. [We support internationalization of Internet governance and are interested in a more active involvement of the International Telecommunication Union in this process.] (-ISR) (-ROK) (+IRAN) (+CHN) (+RUS) [We support fair Internet governance and respect for national sovereignty] (+RUS alt.) [In this respect, it is recognized that the authority for interrelated public policy issues is the sovereign right of States. They have the rights and responsibilities for international Internet-related public policy issues.] (+IRAN)

**Draft Concept Paper on implementation of CICA Confidence Building Measures in the field of Development of Secure and Effective Systems of Transportation Corridors for 2022-2023**

Transportation corridors play an important role for developing trade and economic relations among the countries and continents. They boost local markets, enhance economies and contribute to building confidence and trust among nations.

Geographical location of CICA Member States through Asian continent from north to south and east to west, which includes huge exporters and importers, increases the importance of international transportation corridors.

Safe and effective corridors, with an adequate level of security and simplified border and customs control procedures, facilitate the increase in volumes of trade and transport turnover.

Over the last decade, the realities such as climate change, recent developments in digital transformation, pandemic situation in the world brought about new ways and policies for maintaining and improving connectivity through transport and trade facilitation.

For a more prosperous world, countries undertake responsibilities to support the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. In this regard regional cooperation, exchange of best practices and experiences, consultation, relevant activities and joint projects play a pivotal role in order to achieve the directly transport-related Sustainable Development Goals and targets, as well as to contribute to the implementation of the Agenda, as a whole.

Therefore, the Republic of Azerbaijan, as the coordinator country for the implementation of CBMs in the field of Development of secure and effective systems

of transportation corridors, proposes to consider following directions in order to improve cooperation among CICA Member States in the field of transport for the period of 2022-2023:

- Maintaining smooth running of international transport corridors by defining infrastructure needs and overviewing capacity allocation; developing policies that will generate continued synergy among modes of transport;

- Underlining the geographical location of CICA Member States and their role in supporting safe, and multimodal transport and transit corridors for the efficient movement of goods across Asia;

- Expressing willingness to develop and improve CICA Member States' capabilities to facilitate transport and transit of goods and passengers based on existing national legislations and according to the international conventions and standards of transport, which they are members of;

- Exchange of views among Member States on harmonization of national laws and regulations on the basis of international treaties in the field of transport, adopted under the auspices of the UN and which Member States are parties to;

- Establishing transport-road infrastructure in order to provide participants of transportation process with comprehensive freight forwarding and maintenance services;

- Promoting further development of regional infrastructure projects;

- Taking measures for minimizing physical contacts at border crossings and promoting paperless trade considering application of ITS modern technologies to improve functionality, security and efficiency of corridors;
- Providing smart transportation to facilitate transit procedures and to remove non-physical barriers and formalities in order to develop and achieve secure and efficient transport system;
- Exploration of digital solutions for logistics, infrastructure and freight transport services;
- Introducing logistical solutions for export/import operations, developing an information system and single digital platform for corridors' customers and transport operators;
- Training and development of personnel working in transport sector, and exchange of experience, particularly in smart and green transport, among CICA Member States;
- Encouraging identification of thematic priorities within the area of maritime safety and security, marine environmental protection, facilitation of maritime traffic;
- Exchanging views on improvement in quality management plans for railways projects, including on social and environmental assessment;
- Exchanging views on improving the safety in road transport of goods, including on relevant national standards and best practices of CICA Member States in this field;

– Considering environmental impacts of transport sector, adaptation to climate change and implementation of activities for achieving relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals.