

Address by Chairman of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus Ihar Serhiayenka at the 7th Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia

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Your Excellency, Mr. President,
Distinguished heads of delegation,

On behalf of the President of the Republic of Belarus, Aleksandr Lukashenko, I extend a warm welcome to all participants of the Summit.

Allow me to express my sincere gratitude to the leadership of Azerbaijan for its gracious hospitality and for the excellent organization of this forum.

Amid an unprecedented escalation of tensions, our collective efforts aimed at strengthening confidence-building measures are more relevant than ever. Regrettably, we are living in an era when trust has become an acute deficit in relations between states and nations.

As a result, the risk of conflict has increased significantly. Violence and wars are sweeping the world.

They claim lives, tear families apart, reduce once-thriving cities to ruins, and trigger new waves of forced migration.

As the President of the Republic of Belarus has noted: **“Today, international relations can no longer be described in terms of trust and cooperation. Instead, we are compelled to speak in terms of kilometres of new barriers and megatonnes of lethal weaponry.”**

In this context, the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia represents one of the most inclusive platforms within the emerging security architecture.

Its stated goal — to enhance cooperation through the development of multilateral approaches to promoting peace, security and stability in Asia — is one of the foreign policy priorities of the Republic of Belarus.

In the spirit of the concept of “integration of integrations,” we support initiatives aimed at coordinating the activities of Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia with those of other regional and international organizations, such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and the Eurasian Economic Union.

We believe that closer coordination would enable us to pool our efforts more effectively towards establishing an integrated network of logistics routes, preferential trade arrangements, and interconnected industrial and economic value chains across Eurasia.

Belarus supports the establishment of a mechanism for financial and investment cooperation, which, under current circumstances, is particularly essential for enhancing the resilience of our economic ties and jointly countering illegal sanction pressure.

We note the mutually beneficial nature of trade and economic cooperation, the long-term prospects for shaping export flows, and the creation of a secure digital space. We remain ready to share our expertise in ensuring food security and implementing humanitarian projects.

We are united by a firm commitment to international law and the Charter of the United Nations.

We clearly perceive that there is no alternative to the transition toward a multipolar world order.

We welcome the initiatives of the Conference aimed at its further transformation into a full-fledged international organization.

This has undoubtedly been facilitated by Azerbaijan's effective Chairmanship, which will continue for another two years. Azerbaijan has taken a leadership role in advancing this proposal.

As an observer state, Belarus stands ready to contribute to expanding practical tracks by consistently scaling up its engagement in the implementation of programs.

We, in turn, propose to actively broaden cooperation on the drafting of the Eurasian Charter of Diversity and Multipolarity in the 21st Century.

Recently, during the High-Level Week of the 81st Session of the UN General Assembly, the negotiation process for its elaboration was launched.

We expect the Charter to consolidate the principles of indivisibility of security and state responsibility, set the framework for multilateral interaction, and **foster economic cooperation and equitable decision-making mechanisms in the interests of Eurasian countries and peoples, which fully aligns with the principles and objectives of the Conference.**

The Belarusian delegation supports the constructive dialogue of the Summit and stands ready for joint, productive work.

Thank you for your attention!