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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 herewith a draft Concept Paper of the CICA Council on Sustainable Connectivity, incorporating inputs from Member States gathered during the Experts meeting held on 29th February 2024.

*Enclosure:  
as stated, on 2 p.*

As conveyed by the Kazakh Chairmanship, the forthcoming round of discussions concerning the Concept Paper is scheduled for May 2024. Further details, including the precise date and Technical Guidelines, will be disseminated by the Secretariat in due course.

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

Astana, 13 March 2024



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Как сообщило казахстанское Председательство, следующий раунд обсуждений Концепции запланирован на май 2024 года. Более подробная информация, включая точную дату и техническое руководство, будет своевременно распространена Секретариатом.

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

Астана, 13 Март 2024



**ГОСУДАРСТВАМ-ЧЛЕНАМ  
СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ И  
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Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (Азия Кеңесі немесе АӨСШК) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттерге өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіреді және 2024 жылдың 29 ақпанында өткен сарапшылар кездесуі кезінде мүше мемлекеттер ұсынған ұсыныстарды қамтитын Өзара тұрақты байланыс жөніндегі АӨСШК кеңесін құру туралы тұжырымдаманың жобасын жолдауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

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аталған, 2 нп.

Қазақстан Төрағалығының мәлімдеуінше, тұжырымдамаға қатысты талқылаулардың алдағы раунды 2024 жылдың мамыр айына жоспарланған. Қосымша мәліметтерді, соның ішінде нақты күні мен техникалық ақпаратты Хатшылық тиісті уақытта таратады.

Хатшылық осы мүмкіндікті пайдалана отырып, Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттерге өзінің зор ілтипатын тағы да растайды.

Астана қаласы, 2024 жылғы 13 наурыз

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

## **Concept Paper of the CICA Council on Sustainable Connectivity**

This Concept Paper aims to establish the Council on Sustainable Connectivity initiated by the Kazakh Chairmanship at the Sixth CICA Summit in Astana in October 2022.

The Concept Paper is intended to define areas of cooperation of the CICA Member States in sustainable connectivity and, as a consequence, the mandate of the Council on Sustainable Connectivity. This Concept Paper has the following elements: (I) Goals, (II) Principles and (III) Approaches.

### **I. Goals**

- [1. Ensuring peaceful and sustainable development of the CICA Member States.] (RUS TCB)
2. Progressively implementing the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
3. Developing interconnected and efficient infrastructure and systems conducive to the promotion of economic, social and environmental sustainability, which in the long run may include the integration of different types of transport, energy, trade and communication networks.
- [4. Improving the quality of life of the peoples of the CICA Member States. ] (RUS TCB)
5. Promoting sustainable development of trade, investment and tourism. Creating conditions to facilitate access to markets, resources, technologies, improve transport and logistics efficiency.
- (6. Developing [maritime] (-KYRG) (-RUS) (+CHAIR) transport[, new logistics] (+CHAIR) routes and trade.) (CHAIR TCB)
- [7. Promoting social development: sustainable connectivity can also facilitate social development in Asia, through the creation of additional jobs, which will lead to greater social inclusion and poverty reduction[, giving marginalized population groups access to economic opportunities] (-RUS). ] (RUS TCB)
8. Environment protection: Asia faces a number of environmental challenges, including climate change, deforestation and pollution. Developing sustainable connectivity aims to mitigate this challenge by fostering clean and [[green] (-IND) [sustainable] (+IND) infrastructure and] (+CHN) transport systems, including the implementation of a system to encourage the adoption of sustainable transport modes reducing carbon emissions, enhancing the use of

renewable energy, and promoting sustainable land use and resource management.

[10. Enabling further regional integration: sustainable connectivity can facilitate regional integration and cooperation in Asia. This can help build trust and mutual understanding among countries, improve interaction and information exchange, and advance cultural exchange and tourism. ] (IND TCB)

11. Establishing the CICA Council on Sustainable Connectivity[, including] (-RUS) as a platform for sharing best practices, [promoting convergence and mutual recognition of [green] (-PAK) transport-related standards] (+CHN) (-IND) (-RUS) and a dialogue platform for in-depth discussions on transport [and [energy] (-PAK) corridors] (-RUS), logistics infrastructure development, [cooperation on technical standards] (+CHN) (-IND) and environmental sustainability.

## II. Principles

All decisions on cooperation development in sustainable connectivity, establishment of the Council on Sustainable Connectivity and interaction of the CICA Member States within this Council are to be made through consultations and based on consensus in accordance with the Almaty Act [and respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity] (+IND) (-PAK); Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States; CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures and Cooperative Approach for the Implementation of the CICA Confidence Building Measures. The Member States may participate in specific events under the Plan of Implementation of Confidence Building Measures on a voluntary basis.

## III. Approaches

Progress towards achieving these goals will be gradual and incremental in accordance with national laws and regulations, taking into account specific features and characteristics of different regions of Asia.

The Council on Sustainable Connectivity will be established as a permanent consultative body, meeting at least once a year.

[Each CICA Member State will be represented on the Council on Sustainable Connectivity by one permanent member and one sectoral expert engaged on an ad-hoc basis depending on the agenda item of the Council.] (RUS TCB)