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**Chairmanship of Kazakhstan**

**Recommendations of the Seventh Meeting of the CICA Youth Council  
devoted to the issues of volunteering**

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**Republic of Kazakhstan, Astana, 3 October 2024**

**The CICA Youth Council,**

*Encouraged by* the initiative of President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev to hold the Rally of Volunteer Movement Leaders of the CICA Member States under the auspices of the CICA Youth Council,

*Guided by* the CICA Ministerial Council Statement on Promoting Volunteerism for Sustainable Development adopted in New York on 21 September 2023,

*Noting* the role of the United Nations and its UN Volunteers programme in promoting volunteerism worldwide,

*Underlining* the importance of volunteerism, especially among young people, for promoting intercultural dialogue and interaction, as well as its role in strengthening friendly relations, mutual understanding, trust and tolerance among peoples,

*Noting* the readiness of the CICA Member States to share their experience, technical know-how with each other and exchange best practices and plans to promote volunteerism and volunteer exchanges in a transparent and consensus-based manner,

1. *Recommends* that CICA Member States consider incorporating volunteerism into the human dimension of the CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures as an important aspect of future cooperation within CICA;

2. *Recommends* continuing to use the platform of the CICA Youth Council to comprehensively promote volunteerism as a positive socially acceptable phenomenon that helps to unlock and use the potential of youth;

3. *Calls upon* the CICA Member States to continue to organize forums, conferences, seminars, trainings and other events related to volunteerism, including with an emphasis on, but not limited to, specific areas of volunteer work that were discussed during the Rally, namely innovative approaches to volunteerism, the use of modern technologies and digital platforms, the role of volunteering in public life, health, sports, disaster management, environmental protection and biodiversity conservation, social and inclusive volunteering;

4. *Recommends* that the CICA Member States use the CICA website as a platform for volunteers to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, experience and resources, as well as share information on their national policies, strategies, research and best practices in the field of volunteerism;

5. *Recommends* that the CICA Member States develop joint educational programmes and training sessions for volunteers that will contribute to the development of skills and competencies necessary for their activities;

6. *Calls for* encouraging the contribution of volunteers to the development of society, for example, through the establishment of awards and prizes, as well as information campaigns to draw attention to their activities;

7. *Recommends* paying attention to the involvement of representatives of the youth and the older generation in volunteering, creating conditions for their active participation and development of leadership skills through volunteering;

8. *Encourages* participation in activities focused on developing recommendations and proposals for the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development in 2026, as declared through a UN resolution initiated by the Republic of Kazakhstan.