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as stated,
on 3 p.*

The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) presents its compliments to the CICA Member States and, with the reference to the SOC Decision of 8 December 2021 on starting the process of establishing relations with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), has the honor to inform that the Secretariat had been preliminary consulting on the matter with the ASEAN Secretariat and Cambodia, as the ASEAN Chair 2022, which has resulted in CICA Secretariat preparing a Concept Paper on establishing relations between CICA Secretariat and ASEAN Secretariat.

The Secretariat has the honor to convey herewith the said Concept paper for consideration by Member States and kindly requests Member States to provide suggestions or comments, if any, they might have regarding the document by 20 March 2023.

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

Astana, 27 February 2023



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Астана, 27 февраля 2023 год



**ГОСУДАРСТВАМ-ЧЛЕНАМ
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 2021 жылғы 8 желтоқсандағы Оңтүстік-Шығыс Азия мемлекеттерінің ассоциациясымен (АСЕАН) қарым-қатынас орнату процесін бастау туралы Аға лауазымды тұлғалар комитетінің шешіміне сілтеме жасай отырып, Хатшылық осы мәселе бойынша АСЕАН Хатшылығы және 2022 жылы АСЕАН Төрағасы болған Камбоджамен алдын ала консультациялар өткізіп, олардың қорытындысы бойынша Азия Кеңесінің Хатшылығы АСЕАН мен Азия Кеңесінің Хатшылықтары арасында қарым-қатынас орнату тұжырымдамасын дайындағанын хабарлауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

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аталған,
3 п.*

Хатшылық аталмыш тұжырымдаманы мүше мемлекеттердің қарауына жолдауды өзіне мәртебе санайды және мүше мемлекеттерден 2023 жылғы 20 наурызға дейін осы құжатқа ұсыныстар немесе ескертулер беруді сұрайды.

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

Астана қаласы, 2023 жылғы 27 ақпан

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

CONCEPT PAPER

On establishing relations between CICA Secretariat and ASEAN Secretariat

Background

Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) since its inception in 1992 has been gradually developing into a large-scale multilateral mechanism for dialogue, cooperation and promoting peace, stability and prosperity in Asia. CICA grew from 15 Member States in 1999 to 28 in 2022. Its network of external ties has also been developing steadily, acquiring 9 Observer States, 5 Observer and 6 Partner Organizations by 2022.

CICA was conferred observer status by the United Nations General Assembly at its 62nd session in December 2007. In order to develop relations with other organizations CICA Secretariat signed Memoranda of Understanding with the International Organization for Migration (2008), the Economic Cooperation Organization (2008), the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO, 2014), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (2015), Eurasian Economic Commission (2022), as well as Protocol on Cooperation with the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of SCO (2017).

In 2020 Kazakhstan for the 2nd time took over the Chairmanship in CICA for the period of 2020-2022 (extended for another term 2022-2024). One of the priorities of Kazakhstan Chairmanship is the expansion of CICA external relations pursuant to the Guidelines for CICA's external relations (2007).

ASEAN is considered to be a key element of multilateral cooperation in Asia, possessing profound experience in a broadest spectrum of political, economic and socio-cultural spheres. Most of the ASEAN MSs have joined the CICA family already (Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam as MSs, Laos, Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines as Observers).

In 2021 Kazakhstan Chairmanship proposed to deliberate the idea of starting the process of establishing relations between CICA and ASEAN and it was consecutively approved by the CICA Member States during its Senior Official Committee Meeting in December 2021. Cambodia in its capacity of ASEAN Chair in 2022 expressed its readiness to support the process.

Since then the Chairmanship through its diplomatic mission in Jakarta has conducted preliminary consultations with ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC) on the matter. During consultations of the then Executive Director of CICA Secretariat with Senior officials of Cambodia MFAIC in April 2022 it was suggested that CICA and ASEAN should work on establishing relations between their Secretariats, which corresponds with ASEAN practice. Cambodian side further notified the then CICA Executive Director that CPR in Jakarta had preliminary approved of the idea.

After initial communication with ASEC it was suggested by its External Relations Division that CICA Secretariat should prepare a corresponding Concept paper on the establishment of relations between the two Secretariats.

Objectives

To establish and eventually formalize the relations between the CICA Secretariat and ASEC.

To strengthen partnership networks and enhance international profiles of CICA and ASEAN.

Proposed areas of cooperation

The most convenient avenues of cooperation between the Secretariats at the initial stage could be culture, tourism, disaster prevention and management, and youth exchange, as well as effective functioning of the executive body of an international organization.

Proposed forms of cooperation

1) consultations, exchange of information and best experience between the Secretariats;

2) inviting representative of Secretariats, including experts, to participate in events within framework of CICA and ASEAN (upon mutual consent);

3) concluding a memorandum of understanding/cooperation between the Secretariats of the two structures.

Proposed Plan of action

1) ASEC studies the current Concept paper and provides its feedback and vision on the establishment of relations between the two Secretariats. The Concept may be further agreed with all Member States of CICA and ASEAN respectively.

2) Organize consultations between the two Secretariats to discuss specific forms of cooperation and ways to formalize it.

3) Jointly prepare a Draft Memorandum of understanding/cooperation between the CICA Secretariat and ASEAN Secretariat

4) A working visit of the CICA Secretary General to ASEAN Secretariat HQs in Jakarta.

5) Other activities of mutual interest