## **MEMORANDUM**

## of understanding between the Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia and the Eurasian Economic Commission

The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia and the Eurasian Economic Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Signatories,

Based on the Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States dated September 14, 1999 and the Almaty Act dated June 4, 2002 and the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union dated May 29, 2014,

Reaffirming the commitment to the generally recognized principles and rules of international law,

Recognizing the aspiration of the Signatories to establish dialogue for mutually beneficial economic cooperation,

Reaffirming the intention of the Signatories to work together in the trade and economic sphere to develop regional economic cooperation,

have reached the following understanding:

- 1. The goal of this Memorandum is to promote the development of comprehensive economic cooperation and mutual understanding between the Signatories in areas of mutual interest.
- 2. The Signatories intend to cooperate within their competence in areas such as the following:

regional economic integration;

economy and finance;
transport and transportation;
digitalization, information and communication technologies;
industry;
agro-industrial complex;
trade policy;
competition policy.

3. Cooperation under this Memorandum will be implemented by: exchange of experience and information on issues of mutual interest; meetings of the Signatories' representatives;

joint preparation and organization of conferences, forums, exhibitions, consultations, and round table discussions, including those involving participation of the representatives of business communities of the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia and the Eurasian Economic Union;

preparation of analytical papers and reports on the issues of common interest.

4. Any information resulting from this Memorandum shall be used by the Signatories only for the purpose of implementing this Memorandum and shall not be disclosed to a third Party without the written consent of the original disclosing Signatory.

The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia provides the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia with information received under the implementation of this Memorandum and the Eurasian Economic Commission provides the Eurasian Economic Union Member States with information received under the implementation of this Memorandum without the written consent of the Signatory that has provided such information.

At the same time, the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia and the Eurasian Economic Union Member States shall not disclose the received information to a third Party or distribute it without the written consent of the Signatories.

This Memorandum does not imply the exchange of information, access to which is limited in accordance with the documents of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia, the legislation of the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia, as well as international treaties and acts constituting the law of the Eurasian Economic Union, the legislation of the Eurasian Economic Union Member States.

5. This Memorandum is not an international agreement, does not create any rights and obligations regulated by international law and does not impose any financial obligations on the Signatories.

Issues related to the implementation of this Memorandum will be resolved through consultations and negotiations between the Signatories.

- 6. This Memorandum will come into effect upon the date of its signing.
- 7. This Memorandum may be amended upon mutual consent of the Signatories.
- 8. Either Signatory has the right to terminate this Memorandum by sending a written notice to the other Signatory. Such termination will take effect on the date of its reception by the other Signatory.

Signed in the city of <u>Astana</u> on <u>13 October</u>, 20<u>12</u> in duplicate, each in Russian and English.

For the Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia For the Eurasian Economic Commission