

## **Statement on the occasion of the voluntary contribution by the State of Kuwait**

It is my pleasure and honor to welcome to the CICA Secretariat H.E. Dr. Omar Alkanderi, Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Today we mark another voluntary contribution by Kuwait since the country joined the CICA family as a Member State in 2022. The first contribution was made last February, and we can now report progress on using these funds to promote multilingualism within CICA by translating the “Tales of Asia” publication into Arabic, which is ready to be published soon.

I am sincerely grateful to the State of Kuwait for its financial contributions, which reaffirm the country’s commitment to strengthening CICA in its historic transformation path. As the Chairmanship was successfully handed over to Azerbaijan, we began to implement a set of priorities confirmed by the Chair during my recent consultations in Baku. These priorities are based on the legacy of previous Chairmanships, while featuring innovative approaches. I believe that, as the newest Member State possessing immense human potential and cultural heritage, Kuwait can contribute an added value to CICA.

As we started preparations for the Seventh Summit in Baku in 2026, the additional Ministerial Council meeting in New York this year and other major events envisaged by the Chairmanship, we look forward to Kuwait’s proactive engagement in the upcoming discussions on the draft CICA Charter and other clusters of the Transformation Roadmap, as well as other important initiatives.

I also hope to see greater involvement of Kuwait in implementing confidence building measures in specific priority areas, maybe by occupying the positions of co-coordinators or the vacant coordinator position.

Finally, I thank you, Ambassador, for your active personal engagement in the CICA activities, including the events of the informal CICA Ambassadors Club in Astana. This positive approach will certainly contribute to the shared noble goal of fostering dialogue and cooperation for the sake of peace and prosperity across our vast continent.

I thank you, Excellency.