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*Enclosure:
as stated,
on 4 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 reference to its Note No. NCT/G/1501 of 13 December 2023, has the honour to inform that the silence procedure for the approval by the CICA Member States of the draft Concept Paper and associated Action Plan, prepared by the Republic of Türkiye as the Coordinator in the priority area of *New Challenges and Threats (general)* under the dimension of *New Challenges and Threats* of CICA confidence building measures, has not been breached within the specified deadline.

Therefore, the above Concept Paper and Action Plan are considered to be approved by the CICA Member States. These documents will be made available on the web resources of the CICA Secretariat.

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

Astana, 12 January 2024



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упомянутое,
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Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и, ссылаясь на свою ноту №NCT/G/1501 от 13 декабря 2023 года, имеет честь сообщить, что процедура умолчания с целью одобрения государствами – членами СВМДА проекта Концепции и соответствующего Плана действий, подготовленного Турецкой Республикой в качестве координатора в приоритетной сфере «Новые вызовы и угрозы (общие)» в измерении мер доверия СВМДА «Новые вызовы и угрозы» в установленный срок не была нарушена.

Таким образом, указанные Концепция и План действий считаются одобренными государствами – членами СВМДА. Данные документы будут размещены на интернет-ресурсах Секретариата СВМДА.

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

город Астана, 12 января 2024 года



**ГОСУДАРСТВА-ЧЛЕНЫ
СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ
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Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (Азия Кеңесінің) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттерге өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіреді және 2023 жылғы 13 желтоқсандағы № NCT/G/1501 нотасына сілтеме жасай отырып, Азия Кеңесі сенім шараларының "Жаңа сын-тегеуріндер мен қауіп-қатерлер" өлшеміндегі "Жаңа сын-тегеуріндер мен қауіп-қатерлер (жалпы)" басым саласындағы үйлестіруші ретінде Түркия Республикасы әзірлеген тұжырымдама жобасы мен тиісті іс-қимыл жоспарын Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттердің мақұлдауы мақсатында жүргізілген үнсіз келісім сақтау тәртібі белгіленген мерзімде бұзылмағанын хабарлауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

Осыған байланысты Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттер аталмыш тұжырымдама мен іс-қимыл жоспарын мақұлдаған болып есептеледі. Аталған құжаттар Азия Кеңесі Хатшылығының интернет-ресурстарында жарияланатын болады.

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

Астана қаласы, 2024 жылғы 12 қаңтар

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

CONCEPT PAPER
on implementation of the CICA Confidence Building Measures
in the priority area of New Challenges and Threats (general)

Background

The present Concept Paper is aimed at promoting cooperation among CICA Member States in the priority area of New Challenges and Threats (general) and has been prepared on the basis of the updated *CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures* (CBMs), adopted by the CICA Ministerial Meeting in October 2021, as well as the other basic CICA documents.

The **Republic of Türkiye** volunteered to be the coordinating country for the CBMs under the New Challenges and Threats area.

This Concept Paper envisages elaboration and implementation of the Action Plan for Cooperation among CICA Member States in the New Challenges and Threats and the realization of the CICA CBMs.

The Concept Paper includes: (I) Priority directions; (II) Goals; (III) Principles; (IV) Approach; and the Annex entitled Action Plan to Implement Cooperative Measures in the Priority Area of New Challenges and Threats (general).

I. Priority directions

Within confidence building measures in the priority area of New Challenges and Threats (general), the following directions and mechanisms of cooperation will constitute priorities:

1. Combating transnational organized crime, including trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants, money laundering and illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects.
2. Fighting economic crimes.
3. Sharing information and best practices in the area of non- proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery.

II. Goals

The main goals of the Concept Paper on cooperation among the CICA Member

States in the priority area of New Challenges and Threats (general) are:

1. Exchange of information on the measures taken by the Member States in combating transnational organized crime, including trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants, money laundering and illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects.
2. Promoting law enforcement cooperation and exchange of information on legal, judicial and criminal matters.
3. Exchanging information, assisting in establishing and strengthening cooperation and contacts between relevant authorities of the Member States in the area of fighting the economic crimes.
4. Sharing information in order to deal effectively with proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery.

III. Principles

1. All decisions concerning the implementation of the CICA Catalogue of CBMs in the priority area of New Challenges and Threats (general) are to be taken through consultations and by consensus.
2. While taking decisions in this area, the CICA Member States shall be governed by their respective national legislations and relevant rules of international law.
3. The participation of the Member States in the specific events within the Action Plan shall be on voluntarily basis.
4. On the basis of mutual interest in the area of New Challenges and Threats (general), the CICA Member States shall make their contributions to the implementation of CBMs, by voluntary choice of the venue, form, terms and modalities of implementation.
5. In implementation of information exchange, the CICA Member States shall follow the principles of transparency of information, taking into account restrictions, foreseen by their national legislation in respective areas.

IV. Approach

Movement towards these goals/tasks and objectives will be on gradual and step-by-step basis in accordance with the national laws and regulations, considering specifics and peculiarities of various regions of Asia.

ACTION PLAN
on implementation of the CICA Confidence Building Measures
in the priority area of New Challenges and Threats (general)

The activities identified hereby reflects the decisions taken at the CICA Ministerial Meeting held in Astana on 21-22 October 2021 regarding the CICA Catalogue. New CBMs introduced in the priority area of New Challenges and Threats (general) into the Action Plan shall be subject to the approval by the Member States.

The implementation of the activities outlined in this Action Plan will be reviewed every year by Special Working Group and Senior Officials Committee.

i. Border Control and Management

Convening a CICA meeting of national experts on border control and management with the participation of representatives from appropriate international bodies agreed upon by Member States.

Further steps to be taken and approved by Member States:

1. Establishment of a CICA focal points network;
2. Organizing training seminars, upon request, on border control and management issues as well as travel document forgery;
3. Raising awareness on transnational organized crime, including trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants, money laundering and illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons;
4. Applicability of Member States' experience in establishing Centres of Excellence within CICA framework;
5. Modalities for voluntary information exchange among originating, transit and destination countries subject to transnational organized crime, including trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants, money laundering and illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons;
6. Modalities for developing cooperation in border control and management;

ii. Law Enforcement

Convening a CICA Chiefs of Police meeting. Further steps to be taken under consideration:

1. Establishment of a calendar for twice yearly seminars on law enforcement related issues;
2. Defining needs assessment and institutional capacity with regard to “training of the trainers” programs;
3. Modalities for timely sharing of information through the Interpol database on lost and stolen documents.
4. Establishment of CICA focal points network.

iii. Fighting Economic Crimes

Establishing a CICA focal points network among relevant authorities of the Member States in order to ease exchange of information and assist in establishing and strengthening cooperation and contacts.

iv. Preventing Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

Awareness raising among Member States through voluntary sharing of information and best practices.