

**Video Message by Antonio Guterres
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for the Sixth Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence
Building Measures in Asia (CICA)**

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Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

I send my warm greetings to the Sixth Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA).

I commend the Government of Kazakhstan for hosting this important and timely gathering.

You are meeting amidst a world in peril.

Trust and solidarity are ebbing, just as geopolitical tensions, conflicts and humanitarian emergencies are surging.

The climate crisis is wreaking havoc on lives and livelihoods everywhere.

COVID-19 continues to cast a long shadow.

And a cost-of-living crisis is hitting the most vulnerable the hardest – worsening poverty and hunger, and fueling social and political unrest.

In this extremely challenging context, regional efforts to build trust and confidence are more essential than ever.

In my report on 'Our Common Agenda', I call for a New Agenda for Peace, which puts renewed focus on regional prevention and engagement with regional organizations.

Over the last 30 years, CICA has grown into a vital platform for dialogue between countries across Asia.

We all benefit from a peaceful and prosperous Asia – and I am grateful for our partnership in pursuit of our shared goals:

Advancing sustainable development.

Promoting human rights, peace, and stability.

And strengthening multilateral cooperation.

Together, let us meet the tests of our time and secure a better future for Asia and the world.

I wish you every success.

Thank you.
