

**Concept Paper and plan of implementation of the CICA  
confidence-building measure "Security of and in the use of ICTs" for  
2022-2023**

**1. Background**

The pandemic of a new coronavirus disease COVID-19 has significantly accelerated the processes of integration of ICTs into all spheres of the world community and at the same time has exacerbated threats in the field of security of and in the use of ICTs.

Individuals, businesses and governmental structures are increasingly vulnerable to the challenges in the field of security of and in the use of ICTs with their impact becoming more devastating. Due to cross-border character and scale of such challenges, States cannot address them alone. However, the risks and consequences of threats and challenges of the ICT space hamper the international cooperation.

These issues are of concern to a growing number of countries. As a result, cooperation in the field of security of and in the use of ICTs has been developing in recent years in a number of international organizations, both global, including the UN, and regional, including the ARF, SCO and CIS.

Under these circumstances, there is an increasing need for joint efforts by the CICA Member States to ensure a peaceful and secure ICT environment, reducing risks of ICT-related disagreements and conflicts between them, and exchanging experience and best practices in the field of security of and in the use of ICTs.

Discussion of the issue of "Security of and in the use of ICTs" was enshrined in the CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures, adopted at the CICA Ministerial meeting (Nur-Sultan, 11-12 October, 2021).

## **2. Objectives of the confidence-building measure**

This confidence-building measure is aimed at developing interaction and strengthening cooperation between the CICA Member States on the whole range of issues of ensuring security of and in the use of ICTs, including:

- a) Promoting open, secure, accessible and peaceful ICT environment in Asia on the basis of mutual respect, strengthening contacts and exchanges, deepening dialogue and cooperation, fighting against threats resulting from the malicious use of ICTs.
- b) Promoting dialogue on confidence-building, stability and risk reduction in the field of security of and in the use of ICTs among CICA Member States.
- c) Recognizing the importance of peaceful use of ICTs by reducing misunderstanding between the CICA Member States, promoting trust and confidence.
- d) Sharing information, best practices and raising awareness in the field of security of and in the use of ICTs to address the threats stemming from the use of ICTs.
- e) Improving cooperation to respond to the criminal use of ICTs based on an internationally agreed legal framework.

## **3. Implementation of the confidence-building measure**

The CICA Member States shall, on a voluntarily basis, share their approaches and experience, as well as concerns related to security of and in the use of ICTs.

#### **4. Proposed initiatives**

1. Adoption of the CICA leaders' Statement on Cooperation in the field of Security of and in the Use of ICTs.
2. Holding the online-workshop "Sustainable and safe development of the Internet" in 2022.
3. Holding, the online-workshop "Exchange of experience in the field of digital forensics" in 2023.