



DECISIONS OF THE SENIOR OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

The Senior Officials Committee (SOC) at its meeting on 8 December 2021 agreed on the following:

1. The SOC took note of the report by the Executive Director on implementation of CICA confidence building measures (CBMs) and appreciated activities of the CICA Secretariat in 2021.
2. The SOC adopted the decision on recommendation for CICA Chairmanship in 2022-2024.
3. The SOC took note of the information by the Chair on the draft Regulations of the CICA Fund and of the deadline of 1 February 2022 for Member States' comments.
4. The SOC recommended convening specialized meetings envisaged by Chapter 8 of the CICA Rules of Procedure, for consideration of the draft CICA Plan of Action for Implementation of UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.
5. The SOC approved the Concept Paper on implementation of CBMs in the priority area "Finance".
6. The SOC approved the Concept Paper for 2021-2023 on implementation of CBMs in the priority area "Development of small and medium enterprises (SMEs)".
7. The SOC approved new coordinating countries for implementing CBMs under priority areas of CICA dimensions:

- India in the priority area “Combating terrorism”;
- Kazakhstan in the priority area “Epidemiological safety, public health and pharmaceuticals”; and
- the Russian Federation in the priority area “Security of and in the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs)” for 2022 - 2023.

The SOC approved China as co-coordinating country for implementing CBMs in the priority area “Security of and in the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs)” for 2022 – 2023.

The SOC approved the amended List of coordinating and co-coordinating countries for implementing CBMs under priority areas of CICA dimensions.

8. The SOC approved the CICA Plan of Implementation of CBMs for 2022, with recommendation to the Member States to update or to submit preliminary concepts of 2022 events in accordance with the General Guidelines for Conducting Events on Implementation of CICA CBMs.

9. The SOC adopted the decision on the 2022 Budget of the CICA Secretariat.

10. The SOC adopted the decision on the Staff Matrix of the CICA Secretariat.

11. The SOC took note of the Chairmanship’s intention to continue consultations on membership in the CICA Council of Eminent Persons and supported the Chairmanship’s call to all Member States to nominate high level candidates to the Council of Eminent Persons and candidates to the Advisory Group until 31 December 2021, with a view to ensuring as broad geographical representation as possible.

12. The SOC took note of the information of the Chairmanship on progress in composition of the CICA Think Tank Forum (TTF) and on the forthcoming TTF meeting on 28-29 December 2021.

13. The SOC approved starting the process of establishing relations with the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).