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Dear Mr. Executive Director,

Pursuant to your letter addressed to the Secretary-General dated 12 April 2007, in which you request his support and assistance regarding the inclusion of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) as an observer in the sessions and work of the General Assembly, I would like to inform you that the granting of observer status in the General Assembly is subject to a decision taken by the Assembly following a request by a Member State.

In this regard I would like to advise you to arrange for a written application to be forwarded by one or more of the CICA Member States, in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly according to which any such request needs to emanate from the delegation of a UN Member State in the form of a letter to the Secretary-General requesting the inclusion of an item in the agenda of the General Assembly.

I avail myself of this opportunity to wish you all the success in your endeavors.

Yours sincerely,

I. Botnaru

Ion Botnaru,
Chief, General Assembly
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Mr. Jandos Asanov
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Conference on Interaction
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16 April 2007

Dear Mr. Nambiar,

Subject: The letter from the Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) addressed to the Secretary-General

I am pleased to forward you the letter of Mr. Jandos Asanov, CICA Executive Director addressed to the Secretary-General in order to have CICA included in the List of non-Member States, entities and organizations for receiving a standing invitation to participate as observer in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly.

Yours sincerely,

Haoliang Xu,
UN Resident Coordinator/
UNDP Resident Representative

Mr. Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet
Executive Office of the Secretary-General

cc: Ms. Kori Udovicki
Assistant Administrator and Regional Director
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Enclosure: 9 p.

SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES IN ASIA

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The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations Organization (UN) in the Republic of Kazakhstan and has the honour to convey the letter by Mr. Jandos Asanov, the CICA Executive Director to H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, the UN Secretary-General in order to apply to include the CICA into the List of non-Member States, entities and organizations for receiving standing invitation to participate as observer in the sessions and the work of the UN General Assembly.

The Secretariat kindly request the UN Office to forward the aforementioned letter to the esteemed addressee.

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

Almaty, April 12, 2007

Enc. as stated, 9 p.

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Almaty
April 12, 2007

Dear Mr Secretary General,

The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) started functioning in Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan in June of 2006 by the decision of the Second CICA Summit. This event has marked the beginning of the new stage of the activities of CICA as a full-fledged international forum.

I would like to use this opportunity to express gratitude to the leadership of the United Nations that attended the ceremony of signing of the Statute of the CICA Secretariat.

The main objective and thrust of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia is enhancing of cooperation through elaborating multilateral approaches towards promoting peace, security and stability in Asia. Such principles as mutual trust, mutually beneficial cooperation, equality, harmony, respect to cultural diversity and aspiration to joint development have been taken as the basis for the CICA activities. The goals that are pursued by CICA serve not only the common interests of its Member States, but also correspond with the modern global tendencies. In order to achieve the above objectives the Member States are taking necessary steps to develop the CICA as a forum for dialogue, consultations and adoption of decisions and measures on the basis of consensus on security issues in Asia.

The Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia strictly abides by the goals and principles enshrined in the UN Charter and stands for maintaining the prestige of the United Nations and its irreplaceable role in the international affairs. The Conference is ready for various forms of dialogue, exchanges of opinion and cooperation with the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies on the issues of mutual interest as well as for joint work in promoting peace, security and development all over the world.

His Excellency
Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
of the United Nations
New York

By establishing CICA, Heads of State and Government of the Member States tasked the CICA to deal with the issues of common interest in economic, environmental, human and political-military dimensions as well as to tackle the new challenges and threats such as terrorism, illicit drug trafficking, human trafficking and money laundering. The one of the most important documents titled "Cooperative Approach for the Implementation of the CICA CBMs" which was approved by the Senior Officials Committee at the Deputy Ministerial level on March 14, 2007 in Bangkok, enlisting the areas of interests of the CICA Member States is herewith attached for your kind consideration.

In the light of foregoing, I would like to inform Your Excellency that with a unanimous decision taken on March 5, 2007, 18 Member States (Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, China, Mongolia, Egypt, India, Iran, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Palestine, Republic of Korea, Russia, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey and Uzbekistan) agreed to apply to the United Nations for the inclusion of the CICA in the List of non-Member States, for receiving standing invitation to participate as observer in the sessions and the work of the UN General Assembly. In this regard, I would like to request Your Excellency's kind support and assistance to resume the internal procedure within the United Nations to that effect.

I am confident that having received the observer status in the UN General Assembly, the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia will be taking more active part in the international affairs, will widen its cooperation with the United Nations, non CICA member countries, international and regional organizations and fora and make contribution to maintaining regional and global peace and security and facilitate the growth of the region's welfare. The CICA will diligently be working in this direction.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Jandos Asanov
CICA Executive Director

Enc. as stated, 5 p.

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Алматы
«12» апреля 2007 года

Уважаемый г-н Генеральный секретарь,

Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) официально приступил к работе в Алматы (Республика Казахстан) в июне 2006 года в ходе Второго Саммита СВМДА. Это событие ознаменовало собой начало нового этапа деятельности СВМДА в качестве полноценного международного форума.

Я хотел бы воспользоваться настоящей возможностью, выразить признательность руководству ООН, присутствовавшему во время церемонии подписания Соглашения о Секретариате СВМДА.

Главные цели и направления Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии заключаются в укреплении сотрудничества путем выработки многосторонних подходов к обеспечению мира, безопасности и стабильности в Азии. За основу деятельности СВМДА взяты такие принципы, как взаимное доверие, взаимовыгодное сотрудничество, равноправие, согласие, уважение многообразия культур, стремление к совместному развитию. Цели, преследуемые СВМДА, отвечают не только общим интересам входящих в него государств-членов, но и соответствуют современным мировым тенденциям. Для достижения этих целей государства-члены предпринимают необходимые шаги по развитию процесса СВМДА как форума для диалога, консультаций, принятия решений и осуществления мер на основе консенсуса по проблемам, касающимся безопасности в Азии.

Совещание по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии строго соблюдает цели и принципы, закрепленные в Уставе Организации Объединенных Наций, и выступает за поддержание авторитета Организации Объединенных Наций и сохранение ее незаменимой роли в международных делах. Оно готово к различным формам диалога, обменов и сотрудничества с Организацией Объединенных Наций и ее специальными комитетами по вопросам, представляющим взаимный интерес, и к совместной работе во имя мира и развития во всем мире.

Его Превосходительству
Г-ну Пан Ги Муну
Генеральному секретарю
Организации Объединенных Наций
Нью-Йорк

Создавая СВМДА, главы государств и правительств государств-членов перед ней поставили задачу заниматься вопросами, представляющими общий интерес в экономическом, экологическом, человеческом и военно-политическом измерениях, а также в сфере противодействия новым вызовам и угрозам таким, как терроризм, незаконный оборот наркотиков, торговля людьми и отмывание денег. Хотел бы представить на Ваше рассмотрение один из важнейших документов принятых на заседании Комитета старших должностных лиц СВМДА на уровне заместителей министров иностранных дел, состоявшемся 14 марта 2007 года в Бангкоке, «Кооперативный подход к осуществлению мер доверия СВМДА», в котором отражены сферы интересов государств-членов СВМДА.

В свете изложенного я хотел бы информировать Вас, что единогласным решением, принятым 5 марта 2007 года, восемнадцать государств-членов (Афганистан, Азербайджан, Китай, Монголия, Египет, Индия, Иран, Израиль, Казахстан, Кыргызстан, Пакистан, Палестина, Республика Корея, Россия, Таджикистан, Таиланд, Турция и Узбекистан) договорились обратиться в ООН с предложением включить СВМДА в Список государств, не являющихся членами Организации, образований и организаций, получивших постоянное приглашение участвовать в качестве наблюдателей в сессиях и работе Генеральной Ассамблеи ООН. В этой связи, просил бы, Ваше Превосходительство, оказать поддержку и содействие в проведении внутренних процедур в ООН для принятия решения.

Я убежден, что, получив статус наблюдателя в Генеральной Ассамблее, Совещание по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии будет более активно участвовать в международных делах, шире сотрудничать с Организацией Объединенных Наций, другими странами, международными и региональными организациями и форумами и вносить свой надлежащий вклад в дело поддержания регионального и международного мира и безопасности и содействия росту регионального благосостояния. СВМДА будет неустанно работать в этом направлении.

Пользуясь случаем возобновляю Вашему Превосходительству уверения в моем высоком уважении.

Искренне Ваш, (от руки)

Жандос Асанов

Исполнительный директор
СВМДА

Приложение: упомянутое, на 5 л.

Approved by the CICA
Senior Officials Committee

COOPERATIVE APPROACH
for the implementation of the CICA CBMs

Introduction

The implementation of the CICA CBMs, as it is emphasized in the Catalogue, has a great importance for Asia and it will have a positive impact in creating an atmosphere of peace, confidence and friendship in the region. There is a vast potential, and in order to use it for the benefit of the Member States, practical steps and joint actions are required in areas such as trade, economy, environment, disaster relief, transportation, energy, and cultural exchange, dialogue among civilizations, new challenges and threats.

A wide and varied range of measures and tasks set in the Catalogue require joint efforts in this process. Both bilateral and multilateral steps based on mutual understanding and consensus could enhance elaboration of clear and concrete mechanism of the Catalogue's implementation in the framework of the SWG, established by the SOC on August, 5th, 2005.

Negotiations on the Catalogue and on the establishment of the SWG have shown a wide range of ideas and proposals regarding the mechanism of implementation.

Therefore it will be appropriate to base our work on a step by step approach and to proceed gradually on a voluntary basis. Indeed, this activity shall be based on the CICA documents and the principle of consensus. Thus, it is necessary to follow strictly the provisions of Preamble and Article 1 of the Catalogue, which define the purposes and functions of the CICA CBMs.

In order to facilitate the further work of the Group, the CICA Members States considered the CBMs under the following headings:

1. Economic.
2. Environmental.
3. Human.
4. New challenges and threats.

Any Member State or a group of Member States may, on voluntary basis, exchange information within the context of CBMs agreed upon by them and submit this information to the CICA Secretariat for further dissemination.

Priority areas of cooperation

Economic area

1. Cooperation to promote various modes of transport linkages.
2. Cooperation for the development of secure and effective systems of transportation corridors.
3. Taking necessary steps to ensure energy security cooperation in the CICA region, including development of and enhancing efficiency and safety of the routes and security of supply of energy.
4. Widening of cooperation in the sphere of tourism, by exchanging information in this field and encouraging contacts between tourism organizations of the Member States.
5. Visa facilitation including expeditious business visas in order to enhance trade and investment relations among the Member States.
6. Widening of cooperation among financial sectors.
7. Promoting business opportunities for small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs).
8. Expanding investment opportunities and cooperation
9. Encouraging cooperation in the field of communications and information technology.
10. Establishing a common database on trade and other areas of economic interest.

Environmental area

1. Sharing information of best practices concerning national policies on environmental protection.
2. Sharing of information on best practices concerning sustainable development.
3. Developing guidelines for cooperation in the fields of disaster management systems, national monitoring of environmental and disaster situations, development of early warning systems, holding joint trainings and search-rescue operations.
4. Development and application of common programs on environment protection without prejudice to the Member States' rights and obligations under relevant bilateral and multilateral instruments.
5. Exchange of information on natural and industrial disasters on their territories which in their view may affect their neighbors.

Human Dimension

1. Promotion of dialogue among civilizations, cultures and religions; while taking into consideration the views and recommendations stated in the report of the UN High Level Group of "Alliance of Civilizations" on November 13th, 2006.
2. Encouragement of national information agencies and mass-media for the promotion of CBMs in all agreed dimensions of CICA.

3. Promoting cultural exchange and cooperation through cultural activities and promotion of awareness and dissemination of information on peoples and different cultures in the CICA area with a view to encouraging tolerance and understanding.

4. Promoting people-to-people contacts including exchanges among scientific, educational and sports institutions, as well as non-governmental organizations; and developing projects concerning, inter alia, scientific cooperation, exchange of students and joint events.

5. Organization of joint archeological expeditions for unearthing the common cultural heritage.

6. Promotion of respect for fundamental rights and freedoms.

Area of new challenges and threats

1. Exchange of information on measures among Member States on fighting terrorism in all its forms and manifestations as well as prevention of the activities of separatist and extremist organizations and organized crime groups linked closely to them.

2. Exchanging information on the measures the Member States have taken to curb illicit drug trafficking, human smuggling and trafficking, illegal migration, money laundering, trans-boundary organized crime, illicit trade in small arms and light weapons, including Man Portable Air Defense Systems (MANPADS) as well as smuggling of explosives and poisonous materials.

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 and cyber crimes.

4. Promoting law enforcement cooperation and exchange of information on legal, judicial and criminal matters.

5. Sharing of experience and strengthening cooperation to cope with the emerging infectious diseases and epidemics.

Modalities for implementation of CBMs in aforementioned areas

CICA Member States may choose to implement the CBMs from the aforementioned areas bilaterally or multilaterally on a voluntary basis in the following manner:

A. In the first modality, the Member States may wish to express their interest in implementation of a specific CBM. Thereafter the CICA Chairman may consult those Member States on appointment of coordinating country/countries and request the designated country/countries to prepare a draft Concept Paper. That paper may be distributed through the Secretariat among the Member States prior to any specialized meeting and be considered during SWG and if agreed, be submitted to SOC for further approval.

B. In the second modality,

- CICA Member States may wish to exchange views on a particular CBM via CICA Chairman and Secretariat as a first step,
- CICA Chairman and Secretariat compile the information provided by the Member States and establish a database.
- The Member States may periodically nominate experts and academicians for specific CICA CBMs.
- CICA Secretariat shall provide a logistical support for organizing specialized meetings in the Member or Observer States with the participation of experts and academicians to address the core of the issues and tasking the eligible experts to produce a working paper.
- Working paper should be considered in the SWG and later in the SOC for further elaboration and decision.

The Cooperative Approach is subject to review or amendment by the Member States upon the approval of SOC, if need arises.

March 14, 2007, Bangkok

Annex
to the Cooperative Approach for the implementation of the CICA CBMs

LIST

of the Member States which proposed to act as coordinating or co-coordinating countries for implementing the specific CBMs in areas such as economic, environmental, human and new challenges and threats

	Member State	Specific CBMs
1.	**Azerbaijan**	Cooperation for the development of secure and effective systems of transportation corridors
2.	**Iran**	1. Drug control issues 2. Issues of national disaster management
3.	**Kazakhstan**	To determine
4.	**Republic of Korea**	1. IT cooperation; 2. Energy security cooperation
5.	**Russia**	One of CBMs in economic dimension
6.	**Tajikistan**	Cooperation on tourism
7.	**Turkey**	New challenges and threats