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EXECUTIVE OFFICE
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Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
United Nations
New York

Mr. Secretary-General,

As agreed upon by the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), the Fourth Summit of Heads of State and Government of CICA will be held from 20 to 21 May 2014 in Shanghai, China.

As you may know, CICA was established in 1992 at the initiative of President Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan. After 20-plus years of development, the forum has gradually become an important platform for discussing confidence building measures in security and other areas in the Asian region. It has played a unique role in promoting security dialogue, trust among all parties and cooperation in various areas in Asia.

The regional and international situation is undergoing profound and complex changes. The Asian region is faced with unprecedented opportunities and challenges. Countries in the region have growing concern over the security of themselves and the region as a whole. They are full of expectations for the building of a more comprehensive system of confidence building measures on security in the Asian region. CICA is faced with broad prospects in its development.

In the years to come, Member States of CICA should act in the spirit of equality, mutual trust, mutual learning, inclusiveness and win-win cooperation to enrich confidence building measures in all areas and improve the mechanism so as to enable an even bigger role for CICA in fostering a sound security and development environment for Asia.

In accordance with the decision of the CICA Meeting of Foreign Ministers in September 2012, the People's Republic of China will assume CICA Chairmanship from the Republic of Turkey for the 2014-2016 period. As a staunch defender of peace and security in Asia and the world, China has attached great importance to the CICA process and taken an

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active part in it. China is willing to take the opportunity that comes with its Chairmanship and the hosting of the Fourth Summit to further elevate the role, influence and status of CICA, making new contribution to the dialogue, cooperation and common prosperity of all Asian countries.

It gives me great honor to invite you, Mr. Secretary-General, to attend the Fourth Summit of Heads of State and Government of CICA. I am ready to exchange views with you on the development of CICA and other issues of shared interest. I believe that with our concerted efforts, the Summit will open a new chapter in the building of a sound environment featuring peace, stability and mutually beneficial cooperation in Asia.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Xi Jinping

President
The People's Republic of China

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秘书长先生：

亚洲相互协作与信任措施会议（亚信）成员国商定，亚信国家元首和政府首脑第四次峰会将于2014年5月20日至21日在中国上海举行。

如秘书长先生所知，亚信于1992年由哈萨克斯坦总统纳扎尔巴耶夫先生倡议成立。经过20多年发展，该论坛已逐步成为探讨亚洲地区安全等领域信任措施的重要平台，为促进亚洲安全对话，加强各方信任，推动各领域合作发挥了独特作用。

当前，国际和地区形势正经历复杂深刻变化。亚洲地区面临前所未有的机遇和挑战。本地区国家对于自身和地区安全的关切不断上升，对在亚洲地区构建更加广泛深入的安全信任措施体系充满期待。亚信发展面临广阔前景。

未来一个时期，亚信成员国应该本着平等互信、包容互鉴、合作共赢的精神，丰富各领域信任措施，完善运行机制，推动亚信为营造良好亚洲安全和发展环境发挥更大的作用。

根据2012年9月亚信外长会议决议，中华人民共和国将接替土耳其共和国担任2014年至2016年亚信主席国。作为世界和亚洲和平与安全的坚定维护者，中国始终高度重视并积极参与亚信进程。中方愿以此次担任主席国并主办亚信国家元首和政府首脑第四次峰会为契机，为进一步提升亚信的作用、影响、地位，促进亚洲各国对话合作与共同繁荣作出新的贡献。

我荣幸地邀请秘书长先生出席亚信国家元首和政府首脑第四次峰会，并愿同你就亚信发展及共同关心的问题交换意见。相信在我们共同努力下，本次峰会将为开创亚洲和平稳定、互利共赢的良好局面揭开新的篇章。

顺致崇高的敬意。

中华人民共和国主席

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Xi Jinping, the President of the People's Republic of China. The signature is fluid and expressive, with the characters '习近平' (Xi Jinping) clearly visible.

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