

## CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES IN ASIA

## СОВЕЩАНИЕ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ И МЕРАМ ДОВЕРИЯ В АЗИИ

Signed at the CICA Ministerial Meeting

Almaty, 25 August 2008

## PROTOCOL

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

Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), who are signatories to the Statute of the Secretariat of the CICA, herein referred to as "the Statute";

Keeping in mind that the capital of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Host Country of the Secretariat, has shifted from Almaty to Astana as a result of which most of the Diplomatic Missions and Offices of the International Organizations and Fora have either shifted or are in the process of shifting from Almaty to Astana;

Mindful of the fact that logistic issues may, at some stage, necessitate moving the seat of the Secretariat from Almaty to Astana in order to provide better conditions for the Secretariat;

In accordance with the provisions of clause 5 of Article 6 of the Statute;

Have agreed as follows:

1. Clause 2 of Article 1 of the Statute is hereby amended to read as: "The Secretariat shall have its seat in **Almaty or Astana**, Republic of Kazakhstan, hereinafter referred to as "the Host Country".

2. This Protocol shall enter into force in accordance with clause 1 of Article 6 of the Statute.

3. The depository of this Protocol shall be the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

4. The Depository shall inform all the Member States about the date of entry into force of this Protocol.

Signed in Almaty on this  $25^{\text{th}}$  day of August, 2008 in one original in English Language.