

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION AND
CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES IN ASIA (CICA)**

AND

**THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR
MIGRATION (IOM)**

THE Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) and the Administration of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), hereinafter referred to as the Parties;

TAKING NOTE that the purposes of CICA are, through adoption and implementation of specific Confidence Building Measures, to ensure peace and security in Asia; making Asia a region open to dialogue and co-operation; and to form in Asia a common and indivisible area of security, where all states peacefully co-exist, and their peoples live in conditions of peace, freedom and prosperity

TAKING NOTE that IOM, committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society, acts to: assist in meeting the operational challenges of migration; advance understanding of migration issues; encourage positive social and economic impact of migration; and work towards effective respect of the human dignity and well-being of migrants,

CONSCIOUS of the need for closer cooperation between the Parties in matters of common interest, and desirous of further enhancing and strengthening such cooperation,

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

ARTICLE I

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION

1. The Parties will act in close collaboration and hold consultations on the matters of common interest. To this end, they will consider the appropriate framework for such consultations as and when necessary
2. The Parties agree that they will endeavour to coordinate their efforts on issues relating to migration.

ARTICLE II

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Parties, in accordance with the rules of procedure and decisions applicable to them concerning the attendance of meetings by observers, will invite each other to meetings and conferences convened by them, where matters of mutual interest are to be discussed.

ARTICLE III

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION

1. The Parties will endeavour to exchange information and documentation in the public domain on matters of common interest.
2. Where appropriate and subject to the necessary requirements, information and documentation relating to specific projects or programmes may also be exchanged between the Parties.

ARTICLE IV

SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENTS

The Parties may enter into such supplementary arrangements for the purpose of cooperation and coordination as may be found desirable.

ARTICLE V

APPLICATION, AMENDMENTS AND TERMINATION

1. This Memorandum of Understanding will be applied from the date of its signing.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties.
3. Either of the Parties may terminate the application of this Memorandum of Understanding by giving six months' written notice to the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia and of the Administration of the International Organization for Migration, have signed the present Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed this 25th day of August 2008 at Almaty in two originals in English language

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