



**CICA Statement on Cooperation in
the Field of Occupational Safety and Health**

We, the Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), having met under the Chairmanship of the Republic of Azerbaijan at the Seventh CICA Summit meeting on 15 October 2026 in Baku, Azerbaijan,

Recognizing that occupational safety and health bears upon the safety of people's lives and property, the stability of nations and the region, as well as sustainable economic and social development,

Noting that the occupational safety and health governance capacity of Member States has been continuously enhanced, and that occupational safety and health cooperation has become an important area for promoting common development and mutually beneficial cooperation,

Recognizing that occupational safety and health across various sectors still faces multiple challenges and that it is necessary to strengthen all-around cooperation and an occupational safety and health assurance system covering the entire chain,

DECLARE THE FOLLOWING:

1. We are committed to putting people and lives first, deepening practical cooperation in the field of occupational safety and health, consistent with national laws, regulations and policies of Member States, so as to continue improving the occupational safety and health governance capacity of Member States.

2. We support further strengthening in-depth exchanges and practical cooperation among Member States in the field of occupational safety and health in key sectors, including construction, mining, hazardous chemicals, metallurgy, non-ferrous metals, and oil & gas extraction and transportation, and fostering positive interplay between safety and development.
3. We encourage Member States to cooperate in the fields of safety and application of technologies, including information-communication technologies and AI as a part of ICTs, in the field of occupational safety and health, and in accordance with practical conditions and legal framework of Member States and without prejudice to international agreements, to which they are parties to, including on data protection and security. Employers and regulators are encouraged to develop integrated platforms for risk monitoring and early warning, including environmental and air quality risk monitoring, in the field of occupational safety and health, and to implement the automation and intelligent transformation in high-risk sectors, so as to reduce workers' exposure to high-risk operations, lower safety risks, and enhance productivity.
4. We support, on the basis of respecting the existing occupational safety and health laws, regulations, standards and regulatory requirements of Member States, guided by the ISO 45001 framework and informed by the ILO's SCORE management experience, and taking into account the realities of Member States and international advanced experience, as appropriate and without prejudice to the national laws, international obligations and commitments of Member States, with a focus on occupational accidents and occupational disease prevention, promoting cooperation and exchanges in areas such as effective management of occupational risks, occupational safety and health training and education, employer management systems, emergency rescue technologies, industrial accident statistics and investigation methodologies, and fostering a preventive safety culture.
5. We recognize the importance of strengthening social dialogue and effective tripartite partnership among government authorities, employers' organizations and workers' representatives on occupational safety and health. We support the active participation of relevant stakeholders in the development, implementation and evaluation of preventive measures, as well as in the formulation, improvement and implementation of national policies in this area.

6. We support experience-sharing on modernizing occupational safety and health governance systems and capacity, promoting mutual learning in areas of shared interest, including laws, regulations, and technical standards, regulatory capacity building, and implementation of employer primary responsibility, as well as management of occupational risks, prevention of occupational accidents, diseases and protection of health of employees. We recognize the need to take into account the impact of climate change and environmental factors in the formulation and implementation of occupational safety and health policies. In this regard, we support the development of adaptation measures, preventive mechanisms and necessary actions aimed at protecting workers' health in a changing production and working environment.
7. We support organizing technical cooperation and experience-sharing, including technical competitions among CICA Member States, on voluntary basis in mine rescue and hazardous chemicals emergency response, with a view to strengthening emergency preparedness and prevention of occupational accidents.
8. We encourage exploration of establishment of a cooperation and exchange mechanism for occupational safety and health among CICA Member States and a professional exchange network platform, subject to regulations to be agreed by Member States.