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Mr. Chairman. Heads of Delegations, Ladies and gentlemen

On behalf of the State of Viet Nam, it is my pleasure to attend the 2022 CICA Summit. I would like to congratulate Kazakhstan on the successful Chairmanship of CICA over the past three years, and sincerely thank the organizing committee for the thoughtful and gracious reception extended to the Viet Nam delegation.

Viet Nam welcomes and supports Kuwait's accession to CICA at this Summit.

Ladies and gentleman,

Humanity is experiencing rapid changes of the times, in a global political and security environment of unprecedented complexity and instability. The adverse impacts of non-traditional security challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, economic, energy, food, and climate crises, have reversed the progress of many decades of development, slowing down the realization of the Sustainable Development

Goals. Hundreds of millions of people, particularly in developing countries, are most heavily hit.

Over many decades, Asia has perseveringly transcended challenges and overcome the turbulences of history. *Asia today* is rising robustly and becoming a development hub of the world. It is where the flows of international trade, investment, technology and human resources converge. *Asia today* is the "common home" of countries diverse in social and political systems, yet similar in their aspirations for peace, national independence, democracy and social progress.

But *Asia today* is also witnessing geopolitical tensions and prolonged, complex conflicts and disputes, which have resulted in rifts in strategic trust and declining international commitments. In this context, **confidence and dialogue**, advocated by CICA, are the key catalysts that enable countries to overcome differences, come together, and foster relations on the basis of equality, mutual respect and mutual benefit. On this note, I wish to put forward three proposals as follows:

*First*, CICA needs to **promote cooperation and responsible action** to help build a peaceful and stable environment conducive to development, in line with the UN Charter and international law, particularly the principles of respect for each other's independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity, and peaceful settlement of disputes without the use of force or threat of force.

*Second*, CICA needs to **actively engage in shaping and leading** robust transformation trends of the *new Asia*, in order to ensure rapid, sustainable and inclusive recovery and growth in the post-pandemic period. Given the potentials and advantages of emerging and large economies, CICA member states should prioritize expanding trade and investment, and foster links among digital and logistics infrastructure, supply chains, expertise, labor and technology, so as to generate new momentum for growth. We need to work in close coordination to achieve major global development goals, notably the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and other commitments on climate action.

*Third*, it is necessary for CICA to **strengthen the complementarity and interconnectivity among cooperation mechanisms and linkages at the regional and inter-regional level** to form a multilateral network which is open, multi-centered, multi-leveled. In Southeast Asia, ASEAN is vigorously harnessing its centrality in regional security architectures. Viet Nam believes that ASEAN's efforts to maintain a Southeast Asia of peace and stability, freedom of navigation and overflight, and uphold the peaceful settlement of disputes and the rule of law, particularly the 1982 UNCLOS, will be a concrete contribution to CICA's mission and common interest.

*Ladies and gentlemen,*

Viet Nam is striving for rapid and sustainable economic recovery and development, leaving no one behind, and aiming to become a developed and high income country by 2045. Viet Nam consistently pursues the foreign policy of independence, self-reliance, peace, friendship, cooperation, development, diversification and

multilateralization of relations. Viet Nam seeks to always be a reliable partner and active, responsible member of the international community.

We stand ready to join in all efforts of dialogue, coordinated action and confidence building between nations in order to foster peace and end all conflicts and disputes. Viet Nam will continue making active contributions to the work of CICA for a future of peace and prosperity in Asia.

Thank you very much.