



Senior Officials Committee

Astana, 12 December 2023

DECISIONS OF THE SENIOR OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

The Senior Officials Committee (SOC) at its meeting in Astana on 12 December 2023 agreed on the following:

1. The SOC took note of the SOC Chairperson's invitation to all Member States to make proposals under relevant clusters of the Road Map for CICA Transformation and request to the CICA Secretary General to support this process.
2. The SOC took note of the annual report of the CICA Secretary General on the activities of the CICA Secretariat in 2023.
3. The SOC adopted the decision on the CICA Plan of Implementation of Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) for 2024.
4. The SOC adopted the decision on the 2024 Budget of the CICA Secretariat.
5. The SOC approved the concept paper in the priority area "Natural disaster management".
6. The SOC approved the concept paper in the priority area "Environment protection".
7. The SOC considered and recommended to the Ministerial Council (MC) to adopt the draft MC decision on granting CICA Observer Status to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (document MC/2023/DRAFT/7 of 1 December 2023) through silence procedure with the deadline of 26 December 2023, 12 noon by Astana time.

8. The SOC took note of the draft action plan for the implementation of the 2014 Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretariats of CICA and Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) which was submitted for comments of CICA Member States.

9. The SOC took note of the dialogue commenced between the Secretariats of CICA and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and supported further mutually beneficial interaction between the two structures.