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CONCEPT PAPER
**on Implementation of Confidence Building Measures in the Human
Dimension**

The present Concept Paper is aimed at promoting cooperation among the CICA Member States in the human dimension on the basis of the updated CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures, adopted by the Sixth Ministerial Meeting in October 2021, as well as other basic CICA documents. The Republic of Uzbekistan has volunteered to coordinate confidence building measures in the human dimension.

This Concept Paper provides for the development and implementation of an action plan for the identified CICA confidence building measures. The Concept Paper has the following outline: (I) Objectives; (II) Principles; (III) Approaches.

I. Objectives

1. Peaceful, democratic and sustainable development of the peoples of the CICA countries.
2. Respect and protection of fundamental rights and freedoms set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international human rights conventions to which the Member States are parties, the Almaty Act and other relevant CICA documents.
3. Promoting tolerance and peace among civilizations.
4. Strengthening dialogue among different faiths and religions to improve mutual understanding, harmony and cooperation among people.
5. Creation of a favorable environment for the development of cooperation in the humanitarian area among the peoples of the CICA Member States.
6. Development and strengthening of a civil society based on democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights.
7. Protection and promotion of women's rights, children's rights and the rights of persons with disabilities and other persons in vulnerable situations, in particular to ensure sustainable development, security and stability of the CICA Member States.

8. Sharing experiences on existing best methods of implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

9. Development of cooperation in the field of human rights education, including through the exchange of best experience on implementation of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training.

II. Principles

All decisions related to the implementation of CICA confidence building measures in the human dimension are made through consultations and based on consensus in accordance with the Almaty Act, the Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States, the updated CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures. The participation of Member States in the activities identified by the Action Plan will be carried out on a voluntary basis by ensuring respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and the development of societies based on pluralistic democracy and the rule of law.

III. Approaches

These goals and objectives will be implemented on a gradual, step-by-step approach in accordance with the national legislation and regulations, given the specifics and circumstances of various regions of Asia.

In exercising their sovereign rights, including the right to determine their laws and regulations, they will conform with their legal obligations under international law.

If necessary, bilateral meetings will be held with other Member States that so wish, in order to study issues related to the CICA human dimension, including situations and specific cases in order to resolve them. The time and place of such meetings will be determined by mutual agreement through diplomatic channels.