



DECISION OF THE SENIOR OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

Regulations of the Think Tank Forum of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia

Article 1 General provisions

1.1. These Regulations define the framework for the activities, goals, objectives, structure and modalities of the Think Tank Forum of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (hereinafter referred to as the Forum).

1.2. The Forum is an information and analytical advisory body of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (hereinafter referred to as CICA), established for the provision of information and analytical support for activities within the CICA framework and to develop interaction among think tanks and research institutions of the CICA Member States.

1.3. The Forum shall operate on the basis of the principles of voluntary participation, consensus, common aspiration for peace and progress of the CICA Member States and in accordance with the principles set forth in the Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States of 1999 and the goals set out in the Almaty Act of 2002, as well as in accordance with the Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures of 2004 and these Regulations.

1.4. The CICA Secretariat shall, when required, provide to the Forum with organizational, technical and administrative support.

Article 2

Goals and objectives of the Forum

- 2.1. Provision of information and analytical support to the activities of CICA, including through the preparation of analytical, research and forecast reports, publications and other materials on matters of common interest to CICA.
- 2.2. Development of cooperation among think tanks, research and educational institutions of the Member States on CICA related issues, including through joint research activities and exchange of experience and research materials.
- 2.3. Organization of forums, conferences, workshops, round tables and other events on CICA related matters.
- 2.4. Promotion of establishment and development of contacts, information exchange and cooperation between scholars and experts of the Member States in all dimensions within the framework of CICA.
- 2.5. Publication of materials on research and analytical activities and materials of events held under the auspices of the Forum.
- 2.6. Other objectives as may be identified by the CICA Member States.

Article 3

Composition of the Forum

- 3.1. The Forum shall consist of one leading think tank or research institution from a CICA Member State, which will participate on a voluntary basis, and referred to as a Member of the Forum. Each Member State may recommend a think tank or research institution.
- 3.2. Member States may delegate, after approval by the CICA Member States, additional think tanks or research institutions or other official representatives from respective countries for temporary participation in the Forum.
- 3.3. The Chair of the Forum shall be appointed by the CICA Chairmanship from among the Members of the Forum for a term of two years.
- 3.4. The Chair of the Forum shall be assisted in its work by the Members of the Forum acting as co-Chairs. Member States which coordinate and co-ordinate implementation of confidence building measures under priority areas of CICA dimensions shall appoint the co-Chairs on a voluntary basis. The

term of a co-Chair shall be two years.

3.5. The Chair of the Forum shall have the following functions:

3.5.1. Overall coordination and management of the Forum, coordination of interaction with other CICA structures;

3.5.2. Organization of the Forum meetings in coordination with the CICA Chairmanship and the host country.

Article 4 **Organization of the Forum's activities**

4.1. Meetings of the Forum shall be held on a regular basis, at least once a year, and convened by the Chair and co-Chairs of the Forum in consultation with the CICA Chairmanship.

4.2. The format, venue and date of a meeting shall be determined by the Chair and co-Chairs of the Forum in consultation with the CICA Chairmanship and the host country.

4.3. The agenda of the meetings shall be proposed by the Chair of the Forum and sent to the Member States for suggestions no later than 30 days before the meeting.

4.4. The Forum may hold extraordinary meetings at the initiative of any Member of the Forum and with the consent of the Chair and co-Chairs of the Forum and the CICA Chairmanship.

4.5. The Chair of the Forum, in agreement with co-Chairs of the Forum, the Chairmanship and the host country, and with the consent of the Members of the Forum may invite representatives of other international organizations and forums to the events of the Forum.

4.6. The activities of the Forum shall be based on an annual action plan, which is developed and agreed upon by the Forum Members under the coordination of the Chair of the Forum and approved by the Senior Officials Committee (hereinafter referred to as the SOC).

4.7. The CICA governing bodies may request the Forum to conduct information and analytical studies additional to the action plan.

4.8. Materials produced by the Forum, including the results of analytical,

scientific or research activities, shall be sent to the Secretariat for dissemination among the Member States.

4.9. Publication of the Forum's materials under the auspices of CICA shall be subject to the approval by the SOC. The materials of the Forum published under the auspices of CICA shall be posted on the website of the Secretariat.

Article 5 Funding

5.1. The costs of the organization of the Forum meetings shall be borne by the host country.

5.2. Travel expenses of participants of the Forum shall be covered by the participating organizations, accommodation and local transportation expenses shall be covered by the host organization.

5.3. CICA Member States may provide the Forum with voluntary contributions.

Article 6 Final provisions

6.1. The working languages of the Forum shall be English and Russian.

6.2. The official documents of the Forum shall be in English.

6.3. These Regulations shall be approved by the SOC.

6.4. The SOC may approve amendments and additions to these Regulations.