

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION AND CONFIDENCE  
BUILDING MEASURES IN ASIA (CICA)  
AND  
THE ASSEMBLY OF PEOPLE OF KAZAKHSTAN (APK)**

THE Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) and the Assembly of People of Kazakhstan (APK), hereinafter referred to as the Parties;

TAKING NOTE that the CICA basic documents: declare that the diversity of national characteristics, traditions, cultures and values of the Asian States is not a divisive, but a valuable mutually enriching factor of their relations; emphasizes the importance of tolerance in international relations and the significant role of a dialogue as a means to reach understanding, remove threats to peace and strengthen interaction and exchange among civilizations; and also uphold commitment to respect human rights and fundamental freedoms of all individuals irrespective of their race, sex, and religion;

and that the Secretariat of the CICA is the permanent administrative body of the Conference which exercises its functions in accordance with the principles and purposes laid down in the Almaty Act, CICA Rules of Procedures and the Statute of the Secretariat;

TAKING NOTE that the main goals, purposes and principles of the APK includes ensuring interethnic concord, tolerance, intercultural dialogue and priority of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all individuals irrespective of their race, ethnicity, language and religion;

and that the Assembly of People of Kazakhstan is the permanent public body, which exercises its functions in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Law on the Assembly of People of Kazakhstan and Statute of the Assembly;

CONSCIOUS of the need for closer cooperation between the Parties in matters of common interest, and desirous of further enhancing and strengthening such cooperation,

**HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:**

**I. GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION**

1. The Parties will act in close collaboration and hold consultations on the matters of common interest. To this end, they will consider the appropriate framework for such consultations as and when necessary.
2. The Parties agree that they will endeavour to coordinate their efforts on issues relating to their main goals, purposes and principles.

**II. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS**

3. Parties, in accordance with the rules of procedure and decisions applicable to them concerning the attendance of meetings by guests, will invite each other to meetings and conferences convened by them, where matters of mutual interest are to be discussed.

### III. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION

4. The Parties will endeavour to exchange information and documentation in the public domain on matters of common interest.
5. Where appropriate and subject to the necessary requirements, information and documentation relating to specific projects or programmes may also be exchanged between the Parties.

### IV. SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENTS

6. The Parties may within the competence of their mandates enter into such supplementary arrangements for the purpose of cooperation and coordination as may be found desirable. In this respect, the competence of the CICA Secretariat is defined by Article 2(f) of the Statute of the Secretariat.

### V. APPLICATION AND TERMINATION

7. This Memorandum of Understanding will be applied from the date of its signing.
8. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be exclusively applicable within the territory of and in relation to the issues concerning the Republic of Kazakhstan.
9. Either of the Parties may terminate the application of this Memorandum of Understanding by giving six months' written notice to the other Party.

Signed this 5 day of May 2014 at Astana in two originals in English language.

**CICA Executive Director**

**Ambassador Çinar ALDEMİR**

**Deputy Chairman of APK  
Head of the Secretariat of APK**

**Yeraly L.TUGZANOV**