

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION AND
CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES IN ASIA (CICA)
AND
SECRETARIAT OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANISATION (ECO)**

The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) and the Secretariat of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”;

Having in mind the Almaty Act of 2002 and the Treaty of Izmir of 1996, which set out the objectives of the CICA and the ECO respectively;

Noting the role that the Parties have been assigned and the responsibilities of the Executive Director of CICA and the Secretary General of ECO by the Statute of the CICA Secretariat and the Treaty of Izmir respectively;

Desiring to strengthen cooperation and collaboration between the Parties; for the benefit of their Member Countries;

Have reached the following understanding

1. The Parties, within their competence, shall cooperate in the areas of mutual interest through exchange of information, best practices and experiences.
2. The Parties shall prepare a work programme to implement areas of cooperation.

3. To enable effective and mutually beneficial cooperation, the Parties will hold annual consultations or, as and when necessary, back to back with scheduled meetings of CICA and ECO.

4. The representatives of the Secretariats of CICA and ECO will be invited as observers for participation in the appropriate events within the framework of CICA and ECO.

In **WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned, authorized representatives, have signed the present memorandum.

Done in Almaty on this 25th day of August 2008, in two original copies in English language.

Executive Director of CICA

Director General of ECO

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