

**PROTOCOL**

**ON COOPERATION BETWEEN**

**THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE**

**ON INTERACTION AND CONFIDENCE**

**BUILDING MEASURES IN ASIA**

**AND**

**THE REGIONAL ANTI-TERRORIST**

**STRUCTURE OF THE SHANGHAI**

**COOPERATION ORGANIZATION**

The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) and the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO RATS), hereinafter referred to as the Parties;

in accordance with the legal documents of CICA and SCO;

taking into account the Memorandum of understanding between the Secretariats of CICA and SCO dated May 20, 2014;

reaffirming the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of the states;

recognising the importance of joint efforts in countering all forms of terrorism and other threats and challenges related to terrorism

and acknowledging that cooperation between the CICA Secretariat and the SCO RATS in countering all forms of terrorism and other threats and challenges related to terrorism in accordance with their competence enshrined in constituting documents will serve the interests of both Parties;

have agreed on the following:

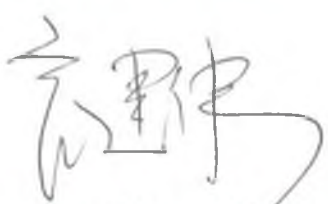
Parties will make efforts to counteract terrorism and other threats and challenges related to terrorism; in accordance with the UN Charter, corresponding Resolutions of the UN Security Council, as well as relevant international conventions. To this end, the Parties may, with the prior consent of the Member States:

- i. assign liaison officers to maintain communications between the Parties;
- ii. enhance exchange of information on the issues of mutual interests;
- iii. when necessary, establish a joint working group to develop proposals on issues of mutual interests;
- iv. hold joint working meetings and consultations, including on the sidelines of events organised by international and regional organizations and forums.

The information received under the present Protocol may not be transmitted to third parties without the prior consent of the providing Party.

The present Protocol was executed on 20 September 2017 in the form of two originals in English and Russian languages with all the texts being equally authentic. One of the originals will be kept at the CICA Secretariat with the other being kept at the Executive Committee of the SCO RATS.

**For  
The Secretariat of the Conference  
on Interaction and Confidence  
Building Measures in Asia**



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**For  
The Regional Anti-Terrorist  
Structure of the Shanghai  
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