



**PROTOCOL  
OF THE REGIONAL FORUM –  
MEETING OF THE HEADS OF EMERGENCY AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES**

*November 10, 2023, Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan*

**We, the heads of delegations of the emergency authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, the Republic of Uzbekistan – participants of the Regional Forum – Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries,**

**Recognizing** that the countries of the region are currently facing the challenges of escalating adverse consequences of natural disasters, accidents and catastrophes, increased vulnerability of people to natural and man-made hazards, which are aggravated by the emergence of new challenges, including climate change, biological and social disasters,

**Considering** the vulnerability of Central Asia to climate change impacts, the need to introduce modern approaches to disaster risk management using innovative technologies,

**Understanding** that strengthening regional and international cooperation in disaster risk reduction, disaster prevention and management will contribute to better resilience, promote prosperity and security of the countries of Central Asia,

**Supporting** the efforts of the European Union, the United Nations, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and other international organizations in disaster risk reduction, international humanitarian assistance in emergencies, building on the global Sustainable Development Goals 2030, the priorities and principles of the Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030,

**Supporting** UN Secretary-General António Guterres' call to cover the entire world's population with early warning systems by 2027 voiced during the Global Climate Change Conference in Egypt in 2022,

**Following** the instructions of the Heads of State given at the 10th Summit of the Organisation of Turkic States to the national disaster management authorities on 4 November 2023 in Astana in terms of strengthening the mechanism of civil protection,

**Appreciating** the contribution of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) to strengthening regional cooperation of Central Asian countries,



**In order to** take further action to develop and strengthen regional and international cooperation, improve the institutional framework for the implementation of bilateral and multilateral intergovernmental agreements, create sustainable mechanisms for disaster risk reduction, adaptation to climate change, strengthen preparedness to respond to possible emergencies, including transboundary ones, establish early warning and mutual information systems for disaster threat and occurrence covering multiple hazards with adequate institutional, financial and human resources,

1. **Signed** the Appeal of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of the CA countries on the establishment of the Regional Early Warning and Mutual Information System for disaster threat and occurrence within the framework of the UN global initiative Early Warnings for All (EW4All).
2. **Approved** the Concept of Digital Atlas of transboundary hazards of CA countries
3. **Decided** to take note of the information provided:
  - on the progress of the 2023 Action Plan (Roadmap) for the implementation of the Central Asian Cooperation Development Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction
  - on action to establish of the Regional Early Warning and Mutual Information System for disaster threats and occurrence
  - on measures to implement the global initiative Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030);
  - on actions to implement the "Regulation on the regional coordination mechanism to respond to large-scale and transboundary emergencies"
  - on measures to implement the GIZ Regional Program "Climate Risk Management in Central Asia";
  - on measures to implement the Sendai Framework Program on DRR in Central Asian countries based on the Mid-term Review;
  - on the key outcomes of the program "Strengthening Financial Resilience and Accelerating Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia" (SFRADRR) funded by the European Union and implemented by the World Bank under GFDRR management;
  - recommendations on mapping and evaluation of International Disaster Response Legislation (IDRL) in Central Asian countries;
  - on measures to build local and national capacities for emergency preparedness and response in CA countries exposed to high risk of earthquakes and natural disasters;
  - on SDC investments in DRR in Central Asia focusing on financing and insurance of natural disaster risks;
  - on measures to enhance the capacities of emergency response services of CA countries;
  - on tailings safety and climate change activities of UNECE;

- on measures to implement innovative information and communication technologies using GIS technologies for transboundary disasters.

4. Invite the Kyrgyz side to consider the possibility of holding the next Regional Forum - Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries in 2024 in the Kyrgyz Republic, and to inform the Secretariat of the Regional Forum - Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries about the decision made by February 20, 2024.

**We express our gratitude and appreciation**

to the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Kazakhstan for warm hospitality, organization and holding of the Regional Forum - Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries,

UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), for technical and financial support to activities on strengthening regional cooperation of emergency authorities of Central Asian countries in the field of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and disaster management.

**For the Ministry for Emergency Situations of the Republic of Kazakhstan**

**For the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic**

**For the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defense under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan**

**For the Ministry of Defense of Turkmenistan**

**For the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Uzbekistan**