



**Memorandum of Cooperation  
between  
the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction, Republic of  
Kazakhstan (CESDRR)  
and  
the International Science and Technology Center  
(ISTC)**

(hereinafter referred to as “Parties”)

**The Parties,**

**Taking into account**

that natural disasters and accidents are becoming more frequent and intense, and they significantly hamper progress towards sustainable development,

that the territory of the Central Asian region, in which Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan are located,

is subject to almost all types of natural and man-made threats, including earthquakes, floods, landslides, mudflows, avalanches, climatic variations, droughts, epidemics, dam breaks and hazardous substances that can initiate large-scale, transboundary disasters,

**Recognizing importance of**

coordination, interaction and cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction and civil defense,

ensuring preparedness for emergency response and minimizing human and economic losses,

implementation of effective scientific and practical activities to alleviate human suffering and protect the environment in the event of natural disasters and emergencies,

**Guided by**

the universally recognized norms and principles of international law, mutual respect and equal partnership,

**expressed their intentions on cooperation and interaction in the field of disaster risk reduction, civil protection, strengthening preparedness and effective response to emergencies in the following areas:**

- promoting capacity building in disaster preparedness and response;
- provision of technical and advisory assistance, development of training programs for civil protection services;
- ensuring exchange of scientific and research information;

- support in implementation of scientific and technical programs to prevent and investigate the causes and consequences of large-scale and transboundary emergencies, in order to identify gaps and draw useful lessons for future actions;
- joint implementation of projects in the field of seismic safety;
- other areas of mutual interest upon agreement by both Parties.

**The Parties**

consider this Memorandum as a declaration of voluntary intentions, which do not entail any legal or financial obligations for the implementation of joint activities, proceed from the fact that no actions within the framework of this Memorandum should infringe the powers and rights of the Parties.

**This Memorandum**

enters into force from the date of signature by both Parties and is valid until its termination by both Parties by a mutual consent or at the will of one of the Parties by giving a written notice to the other Party,

was prepared in two copies done in English and in Russian, one copy for each Party.

Signed by each Party in Astana, Kazakhstan

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