JOINT STATEMENT

OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES
REGARDING STRENGTHENING REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF DISASTER
RISK REDUCTION, PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TO EMERGENCIES
AT THE SECOND ASIAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION,
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WE, THE HEADS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF EMERGENCY AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN
COUNTRIES: REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZ REPUBLIC, REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN,
TURKMENISTAN, REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN,

JOINTLY DECLARE THE FOLLOWING:

CONSIDERING THAT

The territory of Central Asia is exposed to virtually all types of natural and man-made disasters, including earthquakes, floods, landslides, mudflows, avalanches, droughts, epidemics, dam breaks and emissions of hazardous substances, worsened by climate change,

The current trends in the countries of the region show increase in the scale of the negative consequences of natural disasters, accidents, and catastrophes, increase in the vulnerability of people to natural and man-made threats that hinder the more successful implementation of strategies, programs and plans for sustainable development,

The risks of occurrence of large-scale and transboundary emergency situations, the consequences of which cannot always be eliminated only by the forces and resources of one country,

GOVERNED BY

Bilateral and multilateral interstate Agreements on cooperation in the field of prevention and response to emergency situations, including the Agreement between the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan on cooperation in the field of prevention and response to emergency situations (Cholpon-Ata, July 17, 1998),

International Strategic and Program Documents of the United Nations in the field of sustainable development and disaster risk reduction, including the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 (SDG), the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030,

EXPRESS INTENTIONS:

To consolidate joint coordinated actions to further expand and strengthen regional cooperation and collaboration in the field of disaster risk reduction, prevention and response to emergencies,

To make concerted efforts to achieve more significant results in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030,

To implement measures for improving the institutional and legal frameworks, mechanisms, strategies, policies, and practices for managing disaster risks and emergencies, improving the safety of the population and territories of the states of the region,

To implement effective practical measures on capacity building of preparedness to respond effectively to emergency situations of a large and transboundary nature, to conduct rescue and humanitarian operations,
AS PRIORITY BY 2020:

In order to increase the effectiveness of the use of scientific and practical potential of leading scientists, specialists and experts in conducting expert-analytical studies in the field of disaster risk reduction, prevention and response to emergencies, **develop the Regional Register of National and International experts in the field of seismic, environmental, fire, radiation, industrial, hydrogeological and other spheres of security,**

In order to strengthen regional scientific and technical cooperation and collaboration between state bodies, international organizations, scientific institutions and other parties concerned, **form the Regional Scientific and Technical Council for Emergency Situations,** with the subsequent implementation of measures to support its activities for the intended purpose,

In order to strengthen the preparedness of high mobility rescue units of permanent preparedness of the Central Asia countries to carry out rescue operations during emergencies of large-scale and transboundary nature, the units of unified rescue force groups that are capable for immediate dispatch to the affected country and conducting autonomous actions for a long time in emergency area **form Regional Register of means and resources in Central Asia.**

In order to assist in consolidation of efforts of state bodies of Central Asian countries, international and non-governmental organizations in the implementation of measures to ensure the preparedness of government bodies, forces, funds, emergency and humanitarian supplies, reserves for emergencies and humanitarian response to emergency situations of large and transboundary nature, coordination on the response to emergencies of a large and transboundary nature **develop Regional mechanism of response coordination to largescale transboundary emergencies.**

In order to integrate international monitoring systems and networks of natural, man-made, environmental, climatic and other types of threats and potential emergencies in Central Asian countries, implement measures to **establish,** with the support of the International Civil Defense Organization (ICDO) and other stakeholders, the Regional (Central Asian) subsystem of the World Network of Disaster Management Centers under the aegis of the International Monitoring and Coordination Center of ICDO.

**The Joint Statement was adopted by the participants of the Regional Forum – the Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of the Central Asian Countries**

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