Regional Forum - Meeting of Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asia Countries (Hereinafter - the Regional Forum) was established in accordance with the outcome documents adopted at the Regional Ministerial Conferences:

- Regional Ministerial Conference on "Regional Cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction in Central Asia", 16-18 October 2013, Bishkek,
- Second Regional Ministerial Conference of emergency authorities of Central Asian countries within the framework of the Dialogue "Central Asia plus Japan", September 18-19, 2014, Bishkek,
- Regional Ministerial Conference for Central Asia and South Caucasus on Disaster Risk Reduction, as part of the Dialogue "Central Asia plus Japan", 29-30 January 2015, Bishkek,
- Regional Ministerial Conference of Central Asian countries on the prevention and elimination of emergency situations within the framework of the Dialogue "Central Asia plus Japan", 24-25 November 2015, in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan,
- Regional Meeting of Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries, 30-31 March 2017, Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

Countries participating in the Regional Forum of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Republic of Uzbekistan. Regional forum is open to accession by other countries.

The Regional Forum is a subsidiary mechanism for strengthening and development of regional cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency management, and acts as a permanent consultative platform.

The Regional Forum is guided by the objectives of the Agreement between the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Tajikistan and Republic of Uzbekistan on cooperation in the field of emergency management on July 17, 1998, and other bilateral and multilateral interstate and international agreements in the field of disaster risk reduction, prevention and elimination of emergency situations.

Regional Forum adheres to the priorities and principles of Sendai framework for Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the Sustainable Development Goals 2030, considering national legislation and priorities, as well as international commitments of the participating countries.

II. Functions

Regional Forum has the following functions:

- assist in the implementation of the main directions of regional cooperation development in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency management;
- assist in capacity building for disaster risk reduction, prevention and response to emergencies at the regional and national levels;
- cooperate with international, governmental and non-governmental organizations from other countries to study advanced achievements and exchange experience in the field of prevention and elimination of emergency situations;
- train experts and specialists of emergency authorities by assisting in organization and conduct of the exchange of experiences, training, courses, exercises and other activities;
- develop proposals and recommendations for consideration and harmonization of analytical and methodological materials, the use of an international terminology;
- support scientific and technical programs for the prevention and investigation of the causes and consequences of emergency situations.

III. Structure and rights

The Regional Forum consists of each country's head of state competent body in the field of emergency management. The Regional Forum is empowered to make decisions within its competence. If for a good reason any head of a state body authorized in the field of emergency management cannot attend the meeting, its functions can be temporarily assigned to the authorized representative of the country concerned and the Chairman of the Regional Forum must be notified.

IV. Working bodies of the Regional Forum

Secretariat of the Regional Forum is Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction in Almaty. The working body of the Regional Forum is a Working group of the Regional Forum.

V. Chairmanship

Chairmanship of the Regional Forum is performed by the head of the authorized state body in the field of emergency management, representing the country on which territory the next meeting of the Regional Forum is held.

VI. Organization of Activities

The Regional Forum will organize its activities based on the plan of actions to implement frameworks to strengthen regional cooperation in Central Asia in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency management.

Meeting of the Regional Forum held at least 1 time in 2 years.

When it is impossible to hold the next meeting of the Regional Forum of the chairing party shall inform the participating countries through diplomatic channels.

The draft agenda and proposals for the date of the meeting are sent for approval to the participating countries of the Regional Forum by chairing party no later than three months prior to the meeting.

The Regional Forum may convene extraordinary meetings according to the proposal of one or more Member States. In this case, the initiating party sends its written proposal to the Chairman of the Regional Forum to convene an extraordinary meeting, the time and place of the meeting, as well as the proposed agenda.

Decisions of the Regional Forum are made by consensus.

Protocol is formalized following the meeting.

The sending party or the financial support of international organizations covers the expenses associated with the participation of national delegations.

The receiving State creates the necessary conditions for a meeting of the Regional Forum.

The working language of the Regional Forum is Russian.