



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

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Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan

We, Heads of delegations of emergency authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Republic of Uzbekistan - are participants of the Regional Forum - Meeting of the Heads of the emergency authorities of Central Asian countries,

Recognizing that the countries of the region are currently facing with increasing negative impacts from natural disasters, accidents and catastrophes, increasing the vulnerability of people to natural and man-made threats, which are raising due to new challenges, including climate change, biological and social disasters,

Considering the presence of risks of large-scale and transboundary emergencies, the consequences of which cannot always be eliminated only by the forces and means of one country,

Realizing that strengthening regional and international cooperation in disaster risk reduction, adaptation to climate change, prevention and response to emergency situations will contribute to sustainable development, welfare and security of Central Asian countries,

Supporting efforts of the United Nations and other international organizations in disaster risk reduction, adaptation to climate change, international emergency assistance, based on global 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, priorities and principles of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030,

Supporting the UN Secretary-General's call, announced during the 7th session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (Indonesia, May 23-28, 2022) to ensure the protection of every person on Earth by covering the entire population with early warning systems and mutual information about threat of emergencies,

Appreciating contribution of the European Union (EU), UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) and the World Bank in strengthening regional cooperation of Central Asian countries,

In order to take further measures to develop and strengthen regional and international cooperation, with improving the institutional framework for the implementation of bilateral and multilateral interstate agreements, creating sustainable mechanisms for disaster risk reduction, adaptation to climate change, strengthening preparedness to respond to possible emergencies, including those of transboundary nature, creating early warning systems and mutual information about the threat and occurrence of emergencies, covering multiple hazards with adequate institutional, financial and human capabilities,



Approved:

1. Action Plan (Roadmap) for the implementation of the Strategy for the development of cooperation between Central Asian countries in disaster risk reduction for 2023-2024.
2. Regulation on the Regional System of early warning and mutual information about the threat and emergencies.
3. Protocol of Intentions on integration of earthquake early warning systems.
4. Action plan for 2023-2024 on introduction of innovative information and communication technologies in Central Asian countries in disaster risk reduction (*ICT, UAV, GIS, mapping, etc.*).

Made a decision:

1. Take note of the information provided:
 - on the progress of the implementation of the Action Plan (Roadmap) in 2022 for the implementation of the Strategy for the development of cooperation between Central Asian countries in disaster risk reduction;
 - on implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR in Central Asia 2015-2022.
2. Establish a Technical Working Group (TWG) consisting of delegated experts from Central Asian countries to create a Regional Early Warning System and Mutual Information on the threat and emergencies, by December 10, 2022.
3. Provide all possible assistance in the implementation of the following regional initiatives, programs and projects in disaster risk reduction, adaptation to climate change:
 - UNDDR/EU initiative “Strengthening disaster resilience and accelerating implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR in Central Asia”;
 - EU, GFDRR and World Bank program “Strengthening financial resilience and accelerating disaster risk reduction in Central Asia” to continue cooperation in regional disaster risk assessment and understanding of its application in DRR, as well as in the development of dialogue in social protection and disaster risk financing;
 - UNDRR project on the development of the INFORM subnational disaster risk assessment model for Central Asian countries and the Caucasus;
 - ICDO capacity-building projects for diving and canine services of the emergency authorities of Central Asian countries;
 - initiative of the CoES under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Center for the study of glaciers of the National Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan to attract grants for the implementation of a regional early warning system for outburst glacial lakes and pulsating glaciers;
 - measures to increase scientific capacity in the implementation of UNDDR/EU initiatives and World Bank/EU programs at the national and regional levels by the application of research results and analytic publications of academic institutions;
 - programs and plans that facilitate efforts of Central Asian countries in the training of highly qualified specialists in reducing seismic and other natural risks;
4. In order to effectively address challenges of seismic safety of cities and villages in Central Asian countries, to promote cooperation between educational, scientific, design, construction, international and public organizations of Central Asian countries, share of best practices and experiences at the regional level.

5. Support the initiative of the Ministry for Emergency Situations of the Republic of Kazakhstan and LLP "I2NIK" to attract grants for the implementation of a regional earthquake early warning system and interstate exchange of seismic information in Central Asian countries.

6. Invite the Turkmen side to consider possibility of arranging the next Regional Forum– Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries in 2023 in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, and inform the Secretariat of the Regional Forum – Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries by February 20, 2023 about the decision.

We express gratitude and appreciation,

to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan for the cordial hospitality, organization and hosting of the Regional Forum - Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries,

to the European Union, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Global Facility for Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) and the World Bank for technical and financial support to strengthen regional cooperation between emergency authorities of Central Asian countries in disaster risk reduction, adaptation to climate change, prevention and response to emergency situations.

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

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

**For the Committee of 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**