PROTOCOL

of Intent on the Improvement of Early Warning Systems and Mechanisms for Information Exchange on the Threat or Occurrence of Emergencies

Dushanbe city

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The Ministry for Emergency Situations of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defense under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Ministry of Defense of Turkmenistan, and the Ministry for Emergency Situations of the Republic of Uzbekistan, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

guided by 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 Elimination of Emergency Situations, dated 17 July 1998, *Cholpon-Ata* (Kyrgyz Republic), as well as by the bilateral agreements between the governments of the Central Asian countries in the field of civil defense (protection), prevention, and elimination of emergency situations,

expressing their intention to strengthen intergovernmental cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, particularly those aggravated by the adverse impacts of climate change, and to mitigate the consequences of transboundary emergencies,

convinced of the necessity to **improve the information environment** that ensures the **timely acquisition of all necessary and reliable data** regarding the **potential transboundary impact of emergencies**, the **hazardous factors** of which may extend to the territories of other countries,

recognizing the need to **enhance and ensure the sustainable functioning of the Regional System for Early Warning and Mutual Information Exchange** on the threat and occurrence of emergencies,

within the framework of the regional project "Climate Risk Management in Central Asia", implemented by GIZ on behalf of the Government of Germany,

acting strictly within the scope of their rights, functions, authorities, and competencies, and in compliance with national legislation and international treaties, guided by the principles of voluntariness, equality, and mutual respect, and without prejudice to the rights and interests of any of the Parties,

for the purpose of improving the regional early warning system for hydrological disasters and the mechanism for information exchange on the threat or occurrence of transboundary emergencies among the emergency authorities of the Central Asian countries,

expressed their intentions as follows:

Article 1

The Parties intend to take measures to improve the regional early warning system for hydrological disasters, the hazardous effects of which may extend to the territories of other countries.

Article 2

The Parties intend to take measures to enhance the mechanism of interstate information exchange on the threat or occurrence of transboundary emergencies.

Article 3

The Parties intend to exchange monthly operational information on potential transboundary threats.

Article 4

The Parties, when necessary to obtain additional data, intend to submit requests to other Parties regarding potential transboundary threats.

Article 5

The Parties, upon receiving a request for additional data concerning potential transboundary threats, intend to provide the requested information to the requesting Parties as promptly as possible.

Article 6

The Parties intend to carry out the immediate mutual exchange of urgent operational information on the threat or occurrence of transboundary emergencies.

Article 7

When exchanging information on the threat or occurrence of transboundary emergencies among the emergency authorities of the Central Asian countries, the Parties intend to use the following standardized forms:

- 1. the Standard Form "Monthly Operational Information on Potential Transboundary Threats";
- 2. the Standard Form "Request for Information on Potential Transboundary Threats";
- 3. the Standard Form "Urgent Operational Information on the Threat or Occurrence of Transboundary Emergencies."

Article 8

The Parties have agreed that this Protocol is not an international treaty and does not create any rights or obligations for the Parties or their States governed by international law.

Article 9

The Parties have agreed that:

- a) this Memorandum shall enter into effect on the date of its signing by the respective Heads of the Parties' delegations, in a single original copy in the Russian language;
- b) the original copy of the Memorandum shall be kept at the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (CESDRR) the Secretariat of the Regional Forum of Heads of Emergency Authorities of the Central Asian Countries, which shall send a certified copy to each Party.

For the Ministry for Emergency Situations of the Republic of Kazakhstan

For the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic

For the Ministry for Emergency Situations of the Republic of Uzbekistan

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

For the Ministry of Defense of Turkmenistan