

JOINT DECLARATION

on the establishment of the "Coalition of Sustainable Cities in Central Asia"

Dushanbe

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Akimat of Petropavlovsk, Republic of Kazakhstan; Osh City Mayor's Office, Kyrgyz Republic; Executive Body of the State Authority of Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan; Hakimlik of Ashgabat, Turkmenistan; Hokimiyat of Namangan, Republic of Uzbekistan, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"

Recognizing that Central Asian cities

play a key role in the sustainable development of their countries and the region as a whole, serving as major centers of economic activity, innovation, social progress, infrastructure development, economic growth, and well-being.

They are subject to rapid urbanization, population growth and density, and increasing pressure on critical infrastructure such as education, healthcare, electricity, water, transportation, communications, food supply, and other sectors.

They face, as elsewhere in the world, serious challenges, including increased vulnerability to natural and human-made threats due to the growing scale of the negative impacts of natural disasters and climate change, ecosystem degradation, environmental pollution, and the emergence of new challenges and risk factors that impede sustainable development.

Within the scope of their respective responsibilities and mandates, they have reached a mutual understanding and agreed on the following:

Article 1

The purpose of this Declaration is to establish a "Coalition of Sustainable Cities of Central Asia" (hereinafter referred to as the Coalition) to strengthen interaction and cooperation, consolidate actions, and expand partnerships to ensure inclusive, safe, and resilient cities in the face of disaster risks and climate change.

Article 2

The Parties agree to develop interaction and intend to strengthen cooperation within the framework of the Coalition and this Declaration, acting within the scope of their mandates, functions, and competencies, based on compliance with national laws and international treaties, the principles of voluntariness, equality, and mutual respect, without infringing on the rights and interests of either Party.

Article 3

The Parties express their readiness and intend to fully support the efforts of UNDP and other international organizations in the area of disaster risk reduction, adaptation, and mitigation to climate change, to consolidate efforts to achieve the global Sustainable Development Goals, the targets of the Paris Agreement, and the priorities and principles of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030.

Article 4

The Parties intend to implement actions to ensure urban resilience through the provision of comprehensive support and within the framework of the UN global initiative "Making Cities Resilient 2030," the UNDP regional project "Enhancing Urban Resilience to Disaster Risks and Climate Change in Central Asia," funded by the Government of Japan, and other international initiatives.

Article 5

The Parties intend to jointly, with the support of development partners, develop and implement practical measures to ensure urban resilience to disaster risks and climate change through:

- a) establishing and ensuring the focused activities of special commissions and working groups on the integration of methods and approaches for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation (technical/thematic working groups), with the involvement of representatives of all stakeholders;
- b) holding joint meetings, sessions, trainings, consultations, and other events to discuss and coordinate joint actions, and to address a range of issues related to the planning and implementation of measures to ensure the integration of methods and approaches for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation to achieve sustainable urban development;
- c) conducting comprehensive, joint research and implementing projects to assess disaster risk and climate change, using new approaches, artificial intelligence, and innovative technologies to improve integrated urban planning from a resilience perspective, considering forecasts and scenarios for the development of situations, the possible intensity and scale of future disaster risks, and the adverse effects of climate change;
- d) reviewing, assessing, and analyzing existing environmental management mechanisms, the condition of critical infrastructure facilities, existing disaster risk management systems, emergency prevention and response systems, and sustainable development planning.

Article 6

The Parties agree to develop and implement action plans to integrate disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, which will serve as the basis for planning and

implementing effective, innovative urban planning approaches to ensure sustainable socio-economic development.

Article 7

The Parties, to expand cooperation and consolidate efforts to ensure urban resilience at the regional level, have agreed to establish a "Coalition of Sustainable Cities of Central Asian Countries."

Article 8

This Declaration is not an international treaty and does not create any rights or obligations for the Parties or their states under international law.

Article 9

Disputes regarding the application or interpretation of this Declaration will be resolved through consultations and negotiations.

Article 10

This Declaration is open to accession by other cities and interested parties.

Article 11

This Declaration shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the respective representatives of the Parties, in one original copy in the Russian language.

The original copy of the Declaration will be kept by the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction, which will send certified copies to the Parties.

For the Akimat of Petropavlovsk

For the Osh City Mayor's Office

For the Executive Body of the State Authority of Dushanbe

For the Hakimlik of Ashgabat

For the Hokimiyat of Namangan