

**PROTOCOL**  
**on intentions to improve the sustainability of cities in Central Asian countries to**  
**disaster risk and climate change**

Dushanbe city

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The Ministry of 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, the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Uzbekistan, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

recognizing that the cities of Central Asia,

play a key role in the sustainable development of their countries and the region as a whole, and are the main centers of economic activity, innovation, and social progress, development of infrastructure, maintaining economic growth, ensuring the well-being of the population,

are subject to trends of rapid territorial expansion, increasing population size and density, and increasing pressure on critical infrastructure such as electricity, water, transport, healthcare, and food supply systems,

are faced, as elsewhere in the world, with serious problems of increasing vulnerability to natural and man-made hazards due to the increasing scale of the negative consequences of natural disasters and climate change, degradation of ecosystems, environmental pollution, the emergence of new challenges and risk factors that impede sustainable development,

expressed intentions to do the following,

**Point 1**

The purpose of this Protocol is to expand mutually beneficial cooperation between emergency authorities of Central Asian countries on issues of improving the safety, resilience and sustainability of cities to disaster risks and climate change.

**Point 2**

The parties expressed support for initiatives of the UN and other international development partners in the field of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, contributing to the achievement of the global Sustainable Development Goals, the targets of the Paris Climate Agreement, and the priorities and principles of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

**Point 3**

The parties expressed their intention to support and facilitate the implementation of the UN global initiative "Making Cities Resilient by 2030" and the UNDP regional project "Strengthening the Resilience of Cities to Disaster Risks and Climate Change in Central Asia," funded by the Government of Japan.

**Point 4**

The parties expressed their intentions provide support and assistance in implementation UNDP initiative "Coalition of Sustainable Cities of Central Asia" to strengthen interaction and cooperation, consolidating actions and expanding partnerships to ensure urban resilience to disaster risks and climate change.

### **Point 5**

The Parties, within the limits of their assigned functions, powers and competencies, on the basis of compliance with national legislation and international treaties, voluntariness, equality and mutual respect, without infringing on the rights and interests of any of the Parties, within the framework of cooperation of the "Coalition of Sustainable Cities of Central Asian Countries", intend to:

- a) jointly, with the support of development partners, promote the adoption of practical measures aimed at increasing the resilience of cities in Central Asian countries to the risks of natural disasters and climate change;
- b) participate in working meetings, sessions, trainings and other events to discuss and agree on joint actions aimed at addressing issues related to increasing urban sustainability Central Asian countries to disaster risks and climate change;
- c) to assist in conducting comprehensive studies on the identification and assessment of disaster risks and climate change, from the point of view of the resilience of cities in Central Asian countries, taking into account forecasts and scenarios for the development of situations, the possible intensity and scale of disaster risks in the future, under the influence of the adverse effects of climate change;
- d) provide practical assistance in assessing and analyzing the state of existing systems for disaster risk management, early warning, prevention and elimination of consequences of emergency and crisis situations, as they relate to cities in Central Asian countries;
- e) provide practical assistance in the implementation of joint projects between cities of Central Asian countries, which will facilitate the institutionalization and implementation of effective and innovative approaches to urban planning aimed at ensuring their sustainable socio-economic development;
- f) Provide practical assistance in the development of recommended measures aimed at increasing the resilience of cities in Central Asian countries to disaster risks and climate change, taking into account the vital needs and interests of all stakeholders, in particular vulnerable groups and gender aspects.

### **Point 6**

Parties reached an agreement that this Protocol is not an international treaty and does not create for the Parties and their States rights and obligations governed by international law.

### **Point 7**

Parties reached an agreement about the fact that:

- a) This Protocol shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the respective heads of delegations of the Parties, in one original copy in the Russian language;
- б) The original copy of the Protocol will be kept at the Centre for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction -Secretariat of the Regional Forum - Meeting of Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian Countries, who will send a certified copy of it to the Parties.

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