



PROTOCOL REGIONAL FORUM – MEETINGS OF THE HEADS OF EMERGENCY AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES

October 17, 2025

Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan

We, the Heads of delegations of emergency authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, the Republic of Uzbekistan - participants of the Regional Forum - Meeting of Heads of Emergency Authorities of the Countries of Central Asia,

Considering the presence of risks of large-scale and cross-border emergency situations, the consequences of which cannot always be eliminated by the forces and resources of one country alone,

Realizing, that strengthening regional and international cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, climate change, and emergency prevention and response will contribute to strengthening resilience, improving the well-being of the population and strengthening the security of the countries of Central Asia,

Supporting UN efforts and other international organizations in areas of disaster risk reduction, climate change, international emergency assistance, based on global Sustainable Development Goals until 2030, the Paris Agreement on climate change, priorities and principles Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030,

Intending continue to take measures to implement previously adopted final documents:

- Regional Ministerial Conference of Central Asian countries on emergency prevention and response, 24-25 November 2015, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan (Ashgabat Declaration),
- Regional Meeting of Heads of Disaster Management Authorities of Central Asia on Disaster Risk Reduction, 31 March 2017, Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan (Dushanbe Declaration),
- Regional Forums - Meetings of Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian Countries: 2018 in the Republic of Kazakhstan, 2019 in the Kyrgyz Republic, 2021 in the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2022 in the Republic of Tajikistan, 2023 in the Republic of Kazakhstan, 2024 in the Kyrgyz Republic,

For the purpose of coordinating, coordinating actions and making decisions on:

- Strengthening regional cooperation in disaster risk reduction, climate change and emergency management and implementing the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction by 2030,
- Reducing the vulnerability of Central Asian countries to disaster risks and climate change by improving early warning systems and increasing resilience to hazardous natural and climate risks, within the framework of the UN global initiative “Early Warning Systems for All”,
- Increasing the resilience of pilot large cities in Central Asian countries to natural disaster risks and climate change, within the framework of the UNDP Regional Project “Increasing the resilience of cities to natural disaster risks and climate change in Central Asia” and the UN global initiative “Making Cities Resilient by 2030” (MCR2030),
- With improving the mechanisms, rules and procedures for the mutual exchange of hydrometeorological information on the threat or occurrence of emergency situations of a

transboundary nature within the framework of GIZ Regional Programme "Climate Risk Management in Central Asia",

Approved by:

1. Protocol of Intent on Enhancing the Resilience of Cities in Central Asian Countries to Disaster Risks and Climate Change.
2. Protocol of intent on improving early warning systems and mechanisms for exchanging information on threats or emergencies.
3. The concept of creating a Regional Early Warning System for Hydrological Disasters in pilot transboundary river basins of Central Asian countries.
4. Roadmap to create a regional early warning system for hydrological disasters in pilot transboundary river basins of Central Asian countries.

The decision was made:

1. Support and UNECE initiatives on digital monitoring and strengthening the safety of small dams in Central Asia based on GIS technologies (RS/GIS) and development Joint Emergency Action Plan for the Syr Darya River Basin.
2. Consider the possibility of using the site of the National Center for Training Rescuers of the Emergency Situations and Civil Defense Committee under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan to conduct regional training sessions for rescuers.
3. Develop measures to creation of the Regional Central Asian Center for the coordination of humanitarian aid in the event of large-scale or cross-border emergencies.
4. Take note of the information provided and provide all possible assistance in the implementation of the following regional initiatives, programs and projects in the field of:
 - Development of risk profiles for pilot cities in Central Asian countries and integration of disaster risk reduction and climate change measures into the socio-economic development plans of the cities of Petropavlovsk (Republic of Kazakhstan), Osh (Kyrgyz Republic), Dushanbe (Republic of Tajikistan), Ashgabat (Turkmenistan) and Namangan (Republic of Uzbekistan);
 - Strengthening cooperation, improving funding and attracting investment to improve early warning systems in countries and in the region, as developed and presented in the recommendations of the Regional Partners' Meeting on Strengthening Early Warning Systems and Implementing the Early Warning for All (EW4All) Initiative in Central Asia;
 - Climate risk assessments conducted by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan;
 - Establishment of a monitoring and information system for the implementation of the National Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction and strengthening the capacity of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Tajikistan within the framework of the UNDRR and the Government of Switzerland project "Strengthening Resilience to Disasters and Climate Change in Tajikistan", as a positive experience and implementation in other Central Asian countries;
 - Improving the legal framework for disaster risk management in Tajikistan in accordance with the requirements of International Disaster Response Law (IDRL);
 - Improving the draft articles on the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters, based on recommendations prepared by the IFRC;
 - Strengthening institutional capacity for disaster and crisis preparedness for effective response in Central Asia through partnership between the IFRC, the CESDRR and the National Red Crescent Societies of Central Asian countries;
 - Development of regional cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction and climate resilience,

- implemented by the UN WFP and the Government of Switzerland in order to introduce effective approaches to disaster risk reduction, including those based on strengthening cooperation between the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defense under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan;
- Strengthening water and energy security, resilience to climate change and economic development, within the framework of the implementation of the World Bank's Central Asia Water and Energy Program (CAWEP).
5. To instruct the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction - Secretariat of the Regional Forum - Meeting of Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian Countries:
- Coordination of implementation activities UNDP regional project "Strengthening the resilience of cities to disaster risks and climate change in Central Asia", including measures to create the "Coalition of Sustainable Cities of Central Asian Countries";
 - Implementation of measures to create a regional early warning system in pilot transboundary river basins of Central Asian countries, within the framework of the GIZ Regional Program "Climate Risk Management in Central Asia (CRM CA)";
 - Coordination of measures to establish a regional early warning system for hydrological disasters in pilot transboundary river basins of the Central Asian countries shall be carried out on the basis of the implementation of the Roadmap approved by this Protocol, as well as through the initiation, development, promotion and implementation of joint programs and projects, with the technical and financial support of donor agencies, international and non-governmental organizations, scientific and research institutions, and the private sector.
6. Offer the Turkmen side to consider the possibility of holding the next Regional Forum– Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries in 2026 in Turkmenistan, and inform the Secretariat of the Regional Forum – Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries of the decision taken by November 30, 2025.

We express our gratitude and appreciation,

To the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan for the warm hospitality, organization and holding of the Regional Forum - Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian Countries,

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

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

**For the Emergency Situations Committee and
civil defense under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan**

For the Ministry of Defense of Turkmenistan

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

