

MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION

between

**Kokshetau Technical Institute of the Committee for Emergency Situations of the Ministry
of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan,**

and

**the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction,
Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan**

Taking into account that the Parties:

- Kokshetau Technical Institute of the Committee for Emergency Situations of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan (KTI CES MIA RK), located in Kokshetau, Republic of Kazakhstan, represented by the Head of the Institute, Colonel of Civil Protection Syrym Dyusengazievich Sharipkhanov; and
- the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (CESDRR), located in Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan, represented by its Director, Valeriy Viktorovich Petrov,

have decided to conclude this Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the “Memorandum”) for the purpose of promoting, facilitating, and strengthening cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency situations, and have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The purpose of this Memorandum is to establish effective working relations between the Parties based on equality and mutual benefit, to strengthen the capacity of the Parties in the field of

disaster risk reduction and emergency situations, and to ensure the practical implementation of developments and initiatives representing mutual interest.

The main objectives of this cooperation are to create favorable conditions for the exchange of ideas, information, and technologies, as well as to organize joint research and development activities within agreed priority areas and programs.

ARTICLE 2

Subject to and depending on the availability of funds and resources of the Parties, the following forms of cooperation may be implemented under this Memorandum:

- coordination of efforts to ensure effective response to emergency situations;
- development and implementation of joint regional and international projects in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response;
- exchange of technical information, including samples and standards;
- technical assistance, including the use of unique equipment and technologies, where required;
- development of software products;
- provision of goods and services;
- training and professional development of specialists and experts through special exercises, trainings, educational courses, and other relevant activities;
- exchange of experience and practical application of advanced achievements in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and response;

- other forms of cooperation representing mutual interest and agreed upon by the Parties.

ARTICLE 3

With the mutual consent of the Parties, third-party organizations and individuals may be involved in joint activities carried out under this Memorandum. New participants sharing the objectives of this Memorandum may also accede to it.

ARTICLE 4

Any amendments and/or modifications to this Memorandum shall require the written consent of the Parties and shall be appended to this document.

ARTICLE 5

Either Party reserves the right to terminate this Memorandum early at any time, with or without cause, by providing written notice to the other Party no less than ninety (90) days prior to the termination date.

If, at the time of termination of this Memorandum, work is being carried out under any program implemented pursuant to an additional memorandum forming an integral part of this Memorandum, all such work shall be completed regardless of the termination date. Both Parties shall make every effort to ensure completion.

ARTICLE 6

This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years. Upon expiration, it shall be automatically extended for an additional five-year period unless the Parties decide otherwise.

This Memorandum may be amended or supplemented by mutual consent of the Parties.

Termination of this Memorandum by a Party that has notified its withdrawal shall not affect the implementation of collaborative scientific activities conducted in accordance with this Memorandum and not completed by the date of its expiration.

ARTICLE 7

This Memorandum does not entail any legal or financial obligations related to the implementation of joint activities.

No actions undertaken within the framework of this Memorandum shall infringe upon the powers and rights of either Party.

This Memorandum is executed in two copies in the Russian language, one copy for each Party.

This Memorandum is signed by both Parties in the city of Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan, in February 2017.

Signatures

Kokshetau Technical Institute of the
Committee for Emergency Situations
of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the
Republic of Kazakhstan

Chief , S. Sharipkhanov

Center for Emergency Situations and
Disaster Risk Reduction
Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan

Director, V. Petrov

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