

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION**

**between**

**JOINT-STOCK COMPANY  
“RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF FIRE SAFETY AND CIVIL DEFENSE”  
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**

The Joint-Stock Company “Research Institute of Fire Safety and Civil Defense” of the Committee for Emergency Situations of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan (hereinafter referred to as the “Institute”), represented by the President of the Institute, Ermek Ibragimovich Montaev, acting on the basis of the Charter, and the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (CESDRR), Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan, represented by the Director of CESDRR, Valery Viktorovich Petrov (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”, and individually as a “Party”),

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 emergency situations and disaster risk reduction, and have agreed as follows:

## **ARTICLE 1**

### **1.1**

The purpose of this Memorandum is to establish interaction and cooperation between the Parties based on equality and mutual benefit, to strengthen the capacities of the Parties in the fields of Emergency Situations (ES) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), and to implement activities of mutual interest in practice.

### **1.2**

The main objectives of interaction and cooperation are to create favorable conditions for the exchange of experience, ideas, information, technologies, and methodological materials, as well

as to organize joint research and development activities within agreed priority areas, programs, and projects.

## ARTICLE 2

### 2.1

Subject to the availability of funds and resources of the Parties, the following forms of cooperation may be carried out under this Memorandum:

development and implementation of joint regional and international programs and projects in the field of disaster risk reduction, prevention, and response to emergency situations;

exchange of technical and other information, including samples and standards;

technical assistance, including the use of equipment and technologies, where necessary;

development of software products and provision of products and services;

training of individual specialists, exchange of experience, and other jointly developed opportunities;

involvement of specialists in education, training sessions, seminars, meetings, and similar activities;

cooperation in scientific research, including participation in fundamental and applied research projects;

attraction of grants from international and non-profit organizations for disaster risk reduction, and development and implementation of joint international programs and projects;

professional development and capacity-building of experts and specialists through specialized exercises, trainings, courses, and other relevant activities;

establishment and maintenance of working contacts with other international scientific institutions for continuous exchange of information in the field of disaster risk reduction, prevention, and response to emergency situations;

development of dialogue and cooperation between academic communities and practitioner specialists working on disaster risk reduction, risk management, and promotion of partnerships among stakeholders, including those addressing socio-economic aspects of disaster risk reduction;

implementation of measures aimed at harmonizing national legislation in the fields of emergency situations and civil defense;

development of standard methodologies for emergency response, response operations, use of joint reserve capacities, and preparation of reference, analytical, and statistical materials in the fields of emergency situations and civil defense;

other forms of cooperation mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

### ARTICLE 3

By mutual consent of the Parties, third-party organizations and individuals may be involved in joint activities carried out under this Memorandum.

### ARTICLE 4

Any amendments and/or changes to this Memorandum shall require the written consent of the Parties and shall be attached to this document and form an integral part thereof.

### ARTICLE 5

5.1

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 at least ninety (90) days prior to the intended date of termination.

## 5.2

If, at the time of termination of this Memorandum, activities under any program are ongoing, all such activities shall be completed regardless of the termination date. Both Parties shall make every effort to ensure this.

## ARTICLE 6

### 6.1

This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years. Upon expiration, if neither Party provides written notice of termination within the last ninety (90) days of the term, the Memorandum shall be deemed extended for the same period for which it was originally concluded.

### 6.2

Termination of this Memorandum by a Party shall not affect obligations related to the completion of cooperative scientific activities undertaken in accordance with this Memorandum that remain unfinished at the time of termination.

This Memorandum is executed in two originals in the Russian language, each having equal legal force, one for each Party.

## SIGNATURES OF THE PARTIES

Center for Emergency Situations  
and Disaster Risk Reduction  
Almaty

Director V. Petrov

Date: 16 April 2019

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President Montaeв, E.

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