

**MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE CENTER FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS
AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
AND
THE HIGHER MULTI-PROFILE COLLEGE OF CIVIL PROTECTION**

Year 2023

The Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (hereinafter referred to as the “Center”), represented by its Director, Serik Gabdullovich Aubakirov, and the institution “Higher Multi-Profile College of Civil Protection” (HMPC CP), represented by its President, Shokan Zhanatovich Kassym (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties” or individually as a “Party”), 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 capacity of the Parties in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency management, and to ensure the practical implementation of activities of mutual interest.

1.2. The main objectives of cooperation are to create favorable conditions for the exchange of experience, ideas, information, 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 and depending on 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 goods and services;
- training of individual specialists, exchange of experience, and other jointly developed opportunities;
- engagement of specialists in education, training sessions, seminars, meetings, professional development courses, and similar activities;
- development of academic cooperation (internships and practical training for students and staff);

- cooperation in scientific research activities (participation in applied research projects);
- attraction of grants from international and non-governmental organizations for disaster risk reduction, development and implementation of joint international programs and projects, and training of specialists in the field of emergency situations;
- professional development of experts and specialists through special exercises, trainings, educational courses, and other relevant activities;
- establishment and maintenance of working contacts with other international scientific institutions for continuous mutual exchange of information in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and response;
- promotion of dialogue and cooperation between academic communities and practitioners involved in disaster risk reduction, risk management, and partnership development among stakeholders, including those addressing socio-economic aspects of emergency prevention and response;
- implementation of measures to harmonize national legislation in the field of civil protection;
- development of standard methodologies for emergency response, operational response activities, use of joint reserve capacities, and preparation of reference, analytical, and statistical materials in the field of civil protection;
- creation and regular updating of a database of experts for their engagement in joint projects, as well as involvement of volunteer organizations and practical training in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and response;
- other forms of cooperation as mutually 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.

ARTICLE 4

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

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 ninety (90) days prior to the termination date.

5.2. If, at the time of termination, activities are ongoing under any program implemented within the framework of an additional memorandum that forms an integral part of this Memorandum, all such activities shall be completed regardless of the termination date. The Parties shall make every effort to complete the program.

ARTICLE 6

6.1. This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signing 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. The Memorandum may be amended or supplemented by mutual consent of the Parties.

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

6.3. This Memorandum does not entail any legal or financial obligations for the implementation of joint activities. No actions undertaken within the framework of this Memorandum shall infringe upon the powers and rights of either Party.

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

6.5. This Memorandum is signed by both Parties in the city of Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan, on ____ May 2023.

Signatures of the Parties:

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