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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE CENTER FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (CESDRR)

AND

THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION (IOM)

18.06.2026

The Center for Emergency Response and Disaster Risk Reduction ("**CESDRR**") and the International Organization for Migration ("**IOM**"), an organization part of the United Nations system, (also hereinafter referred to individually as a "**Party**" and collectively as the "**Parties**"),

TAKING NOTE that the purposes of CESDRR are to ensure effective mechanisms for mitigating risks of emergency situations, reduce the scale of disaster consequences, as well as to organise joint operational response measures, strengthening regional cooperation and coordination of efforts among Central Asian countries in the field of civil defence and population protection;

TAKING NOTE that IOM, committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society, acts to: assist in meeting the operational challenges of migration, advance understanding of migration issues, encourage social and economic development through migration, and work towards effective respect of the human rights and well-being of migrants,

CONSCIOUS of the need for closer cooperation between CESDRR and IOM in matters of common interest, and desirous of further enhancing and strengthening such cooperation,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I
GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION

1. Within their respective mandates and subject to available resources, CESDRR and IOM shall act in close collaboration and hold consultations on all matters of common interest. To this end, the Parties shall consider the appropriate framework for such consultations as and when necessary.

2. CESDRR and IOM agree that the activities related to emergency preparedness, early warning, resilience building, disaster mitigation and disaster risk management, response and recovery, and displacement data and analysis and capacity development of CESDRR and IOM shall be coordinated, to the extent possible, in an effort to achieve the maximum cooperation and the elimination of unnecessary duplication between them, and that when common interests so dictate, either Party may request the cooperation of the other.

3. Each Party will endeavour, in so far as possible and in compliance with its constituent instruments and decisions of its competent bodies, to respond favourably to such requests for cooperation in accordance with procedures to be mutually agreed upon.

4. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) reflects the agreement of the Parties to cooperate on a non-exclusive basis, such agreement being expressed in good faith, but without the creation of any legal obligation or the incurrence of any liability on the part of any of them. Nor shall any third party obtain any legal benefit from this MoU.

ARTICLE II
EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION

1. CESDRR and IOM agree to exchange information and documentation in the public domain to the fullest extent possible on matters of common interest.

2. Where appropriate and subject to the necessary requirements, information and documentation relating to specific projects or programmes implemented by either Party may also be exchanged between the Parties with a view to attaining better complementary action and effective coordination between the two Parties.

ARTICLE III
AREAS OF COOPERATION

Without prejudice to cooperation in additional fields, within their respective mandates and subject to the availability of resources, the Parties agree to consider the following areas for mutual cooperation:

A. Technical Cooperation

- Cooperation on strengthening national and regional capacities in disaster preparedness, disaster risk reduction, early warning, contingency planning, and anticipatory action, in line with national priorities and regional frameworks.
- Collaboration in preparedness for and response to emergencies, including large-scale population movements, disaster-induced displacement, and complex emergencies, with an emphasis on coordination mechanisms at national and regional levels.
- Joint efforts to enhance research, data collection, analysis, and information management related to displacement, mobility patterns, durable solutions, community stabilization, and affected populations, including, as appropriate, the use of IOM methodologies such as Global

Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) and IOM's Central Asia Mobility Tracking Matrix (MTM), Solutions and Mobility Index (SMI) tools for emergency preparedness and response.

- Cooperation on the prepositioning, storage, and management of emergency relief and Core Relief Items (CRIs), including logistics and supply-chain arrangements to enable rapid deployment during emergencies.
- Support to CESDRR's role as a regional platform through technical assistance, coordination initiatives, and cooperation involving Central Asian countries and neighbouring regions.
- Cooperation in supporting post-crisis recovery, resilience-building initiatives, disaster loss and damages and the transition from humanitarian response to early recovery and development, as appropriate.
- Integrate humanitarian protection mainstreaming across all disaster preparedness, response, and recovery efforts, ensuring that assistance is safe, inclusive, accessible, and accountable to affected populations, particularly migrants and displaced persons.
- Consideration of legal-identity legal identity-related aspects in emergency preparedness, disaster response and recovery, particularly as they relate to civil documentation and affected populations' access to services, in line with respective mandates and national legislation.
- Joint efforts in resilience-building and adaptation planning that integrate human mobility considerations ensures long-term preparedness and reduces vulnerability focusing on migrant community based approach.

B. Capacity Building and Knowledge Exchange

- Joint design and delivery of training programmes, workshops, simulation exercises or similar, and technical exchanges for national, regional authorities and civil society on emergency preparedness, response, disaster risk reduction, humanitarian standards, and mobility-related aspects of crises.
- Exchange of technical expertise, best practices, lessons learned, assessments, and analytical products related to disaster risk reduction, preparedness, anticipatory action, humanitarian response, and recovery.
- Strengthening information-sharing and coordination with the United Nations system and humanitarian partners, leveraging respective mandates and comparative advantages, including engagement through relevant regional coordination platforms.
- Building capacities of authorities and other stakeholders on humanitarian principles, protection mainstreaming, gender-based violence risk mitigation, counter-trafficking in emergencies, child protection and humanitarian border management in mobility contexts.

C. Resource Mobilization and Partnerships

- Collaboration in engaging donors, development agencies, the private sector, and other relevant partners to mobilize financial, technical, and in-kind resources in support of areas of common interest.

D. Other areas of cooperation of mutual interest

ARTICLE IV

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOU

The Parties shall enter into written, legally binding agreements, in the event that they wish to implement any of the areas of cooperation included in this MOU.

Implementation by the Parties of the activities specified under the Areas of Cooperation in Article III is subject to availability of funding. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed as creating any financial obligations for either Party.

ARTICLE V

CONFIDENTIALITY

All information including personal information which comes into the Parties' possession or knowledge in connection with this MoU is to be treated as strictly confidential. The Parties shall comply with their respective organizational and legislative obligations in the event that they collect, receive, use, transfer or store any personal data in the performance of this MoU. No personal information shall be communicated to any third party without the prior written approval of the person concerned.

ARTICLE VI

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

This MoU is not intended to create any new intellectual property rights. The Parties shall maintain any pre-existing intellectual property rights in regard to any documents, materials and other works used in or resulting from the activities under this MoU.

STATUS OF IOM

Nothing in or relating to this MoU shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the International Organization for Migration as an intergovernmental organization.

ARTICLE VIII

MISCELANEOUS

1. This MoU reflects the intentions of the Parties as of the date of its signature by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties.

2. This MoU may be amended at any time by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

3. Either Party may terminate this MoU by giving 30 (thirty) days' written notice to the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned representatives of the Center for Emergency Response and Disaster Risk Reduction and of the International Organization for Migration have signed the present MoU.

Signed in duplicate in English and Russian on the dates and at the places indicated below. In the event of any discrepancy between the texts, the Parties shall refer to the English version.

For and on behalf of
Center for Emergency Response and Disaster Risk Reduction

Signature

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Position: Director of the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction

Date: 18.06.2026

Place: Almaty, Kazakhstan

For and on behalf of
The International Organization for Migration

Signature

Name: Serhan Aktoprak

Position: Chief of Mission for IOM Kazakhstan, Country Office with Coordinating Functions for Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan

Date: 18.06.2026

Place: Almaty, Kazakhstan