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REGULATION
on the Regional Emergency Response Coordination Mechanism
(hereinafter - Regional coordination mechanism)

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1. The regional coordination mechanism is created by the Decision of the Regional Forum- Meeting of the Heads of the emergency authorities of Central Asian countries.

1.2. The main prerequisites for the creation of a Regional Coordination Mechanism are:

- exposure of the region to almost all types of natural, man-made, ecological, biological and social disasters;
- the presence in the countries of the region tendencies of an increase in the scale of the negative consequences of emergencies;
- the presence of risks of emergencies of a transboundary nature that cannot be eliminated by the forces and means of one country;
- the need to create an effective mechanism at the regional level for the implementation of bilateral and multilateral interstate and intergovernmental international treaties (agreements) and international strategic program documents of the United Nations in the field international emergency assistance, preparedness for emergency humanitarian response based on universally recognized norms and principles of international law.

2. PURPOSE AND STRUCTURE OF THE REGIONAL COORDINATION MECHANISM

2.1. A regional coordination mechanism is being established to support and assist with strengthening interaction, cooperation and coordination between emergency authorities of Central Asian countries, international and non-governmental organizations involved in emergency response at the regional level and the provision of international humanitarian aid.

2.2. The competent authorities of the Regional coordination mechanism are:

1. Emergency authorities of Central Asian countries are official state bodies in the field of civil protection/defense, prevention and elimination of emergency situations.

2. International and non-governmental organizations involved in the field of emergency response in Central Asian region (UNDP, UNICEF, UNHCR, UN OCHA, WFP, FAO, IFRC and RC, IOM and others).

2.3 The organization of the activity of the Regional coordination mechanism is carried out by the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction - Secretariat of the Regional Forum - Meeting of the Heads of emergency authorities of CA countries (*hereinafter - Center for ES and DRR*).

2.4. Working bodies of the regional coordination mechanism directly involved in the coordination of emergency response and the provision of international humanitarian assistance at the regional level are:

1. From the emergency authorities of Central Asian countries - the relevant units dealing with crisis management, emergency response and international cooperation.

2. From international and non-governmental organizations involved in the field of emergency response in Central Asian region - the Regional Group for the coordination of humanitarian response to emergencies (*hereinafter - Regional coordination group*).

3. The regional coordination group is formed by the Center for ES and DRR from representatives - experts of international and non-governmental organizations involved in emergency response in Central Asian region.

See the structure of the Regional coordination mechanism is shown in the Annex 1.

3. THE MAIN TASKS OF THE CENTER FOR ES AND DRR AND THE REGIONAL COORDINATION GROUP

3.1. The main tasks of the Center for ES and DRR and the Regional Coordination Group are to provide support and assistance:

a) in coordinating the activities of emergency authorities of the countries of the region, international and non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders with provision of international humanitarian assistance in case of emergencies;

б) in establishing an effective system of interstate and international exchange of information in case of a threat or emergencies;

в) in the creation of an information environment that allows to receive the necessary information in the shortest possible time regarding the threat or emergencies;

г) in the implementation of a comprehensive exchange information on emergency situations occurring in the territories of the region, on the requests and proposals of the Parties for mutual assistance, as well as on the needs for humanitarian assistance from international organizations;

д) in conducting assessing the real situation (including using Earth remote sensing systems), prevailing in disaster zones, determining the amount of damage caused, priority needs and emergency response needs and humanitarian assistance as well as in the formation and making requests for humanitarian assistance;

е) in preparation and issuing urgent consolidated appeals for international humanitarian assistance;

ж) depending on the current situation, in the coordination of the activities of international and non-governmental organizations, other key stakeholders with emergency authorities of Central Asian countries for emergency response and international humanitarian assistance.

4. REGIONAL EMERGENCY SITUATION ROOM

4.1. Regional emergency situation room is created by the Center for ES and DRR with the assistance of international and non-governmental organizations involved in emergency response in Central Asian region.

4.2. The regional emergency situation room is a basic technically equipped situation room designed to provide technical support and assistance in providing operational information, analytical and documentation activities of the Regional coordination team.

4.3. The regional emergency situation room is equipped and located in the office of the Center for ES and DRR in Almaty and is equipped with a modern information and communication system for receiving, collecting, storing and transmitting of printed, audio and video information in real time, as well as international communication facilities, high-speed Internet, an autonomous power supply, the necessary office equipment, furniture and other equipment.

5. ORDER - ALGORITHM OF REGIONAL COORDINATION MECHANISM

5.1. The main operational modes of the Regional coordination mechanism are:

1. Daily activity mode.

2. Emergency mode.

5.2. In the absence of emergencies, the competent and working bodies of the RCMES carry out their activities in the mode of daily activities in accordance with their functions, powers, missions.

5.3. In case of a threat or emergency, which cannot be eliminated by the forces and means of one country, competent and working bodies of the Regional coordination mechanism begin to carry out their activities in an emergency mode as soon as a request for assistance is received:

Emergency authorities of Central Asian countries:

- submit official information to the duty services of the CA countries and the Center for ES and DRR about the threat or emergency, as well as inquiries and proposals for mutual assistance, humanitarian assistance from international organizations;
- provide support and assistance in implementation of a comprehensive exchange of official information on the progress of localization and emergency response and provision of international humanitarian assistance;
- provide support and assistance in provision of information for border cross activities, on a priority basis, for aid groups, equipment and humanitarian aid sent to emergency zone, in accordance with the procedure established by bilateral and multilateral international treaties (agreements) that have entered into force.

Center for ES and DRR:

- notifies representatives of the Regional coordination group about emergency situation;

- submits to the Regional coordination group, official information about emergency, as well as requires and proposals for mutual and humanitarian assistance needs from international organizations;
- provides technical support and assistance to the Regional coordination group in the comprehensive exchange of relevant information on the progress of emergency response and provision of international humanitarian assistance;
- posts information about emergency as well on the progress of their elimination and the provision of humanitarian assistance on the Website of the Center for ES and DRR to inform stakeholders, including population of the region.

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