

**OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES  
OF THE REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING  
OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES  
OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES**

*The decision to establish the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries was adopted at the Second Regional Ministerial Conference of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, held within the framework of the Central Asia plus Japan Dialogue on 18-19 September 2014 in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic.*

### **General Provisions:**

The Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries was established in accordance with the outcome documents adopted at the following regional ministerial conferences and meetings:

- the Regional Ministerial Conference “Regional Cooperation on Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia”, held on 16-18 October 2013 in Bishkek;
- the Second Regional Ministerial Conference of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, held within the framework of the Central Asia + Japan Dialogue on 18-19 September 2014 in Bishkek;
- the Regional Ministerial Conference of Central Asia and the South Caucasus on Disaster Risk Reduction, held on 29-30 January 2015 in Bishkek;
- the Regional Ministerial Conference of Central Asian countries on Emergency Prevention and Response to Emergencies and Natural Disasters, held on 24-25 November 2015 in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan;
- the Regional Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries on Disaster Risk Reduction, held on 31 March 2017 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

### **Functions:**

The Regional Forum performs the following functions:

- facilitating the implementation of key areas for the development of regional cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction and the prevention of and response to emergencies;
- assisting in strengthening capacities for disaster risk reduction, prevention, and response to emergencies at the regional and national levels;
- cooperating with international, governmental, and non-governmental organizations of other countries for the purpose of studying best practices and exchanging experience in the field of the prevention of and response to emergencies;
- enhancing the professional qualifications of experts and specialists of emergency authorities by facilitating the organization and conduct of experience-sharing activities, trainings, training courses, exercises, and other events;
- developing proposals and recommendations for the consideration and harmonization of analytical and methodological materials, including the use of international terminology;
- supporting scientific and technical programmes aimed at the prevention of emergencies and the study of their causes and consequences.

### **Composition and Rights:**

The composition of the Regional Forum includes, from each country, the head of the state authority authorized in the field of the prevention of and response to emergencies.

The Regional Forum is empowered to adopt decisions within the scope of its competence. In the event that the head of a state authority authorized in the field of the prevention of and response to emergencies is unable to participate in a meeting for valid reasons, his or her functions may be temporarily delegated to an authorized representative of the respective country, with due notification to the Chair of the Regional Forum.

### **Working Bodies of the Regional Forum:**

The Secretariat of the Regional Forum shall be the Centre for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction, located in the city of Almaty.

The working body of the Regional Forum shall be the Working Group of the Regional Forum.

### **Chairmanship:**

The Chairmanship of the Regional Forum shall be exercised by the head of the state authority authorized in the field of the prevention of and response to emergencies representing the country in whose territory the next meeting of the Regional Forum is held.

#### **Organization of Activities:**

The Regional Forum organizes its activities on the basis of Action Plans for the implementation of the Framework for Strengthening Regional Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the field of disaster risk reduction and the prevention of and response to emergencies.

Meetings of the Regional Forum shall be held at least once every two years.

In the event that it is not possible to hold a scheduled meeting of the Regional Forum, the presiding party shall inform the participating countries through diplomatic channels.

The draft agenda and proposals regarding the dates of the meeting shall be circulated for coordination to the participating countries of the Regional Forum by the presiding party no later than three months prior to the meeting.

Extraordinary meetings of the Regional Forum may be convened at the proposal of one or more participating countries. In such cases, the initiating party shall submit a written proposal to the Chair of the Regional Forum, indicating the purpose of convening the extraordinary meeting, the proposed date and venue, as well as the proposed agenda.

Decisions of the Regional Forum shall be adopted by consensus.

Following each meeting of the Regional Forum, a Protocol shall be drawn up.

Expenses related to the participation of national delegations shall be borne by the sending party or covered through financial support from international organizations.

The host State shall ensure the necessary conditions for holding meetings of the Regional Forum.

The working language of the Regional Forum shall be Russian.

## **OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES**

### **ACTIVITY 1**

#### **WORKING GROUP MEETING OF THE REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CENTRAL ASIA PLUS JAPAN DIALOGUE**

3-4 August 2017, Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction Center,  
Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan

### **FINAL DOCUMENT - PROTOCOL**

Representatives of the government authorities of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, the Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction Centre in Almaty, and international organizations participated in the Working Group Meeting of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries.

1. The participants reviewed and discussed the draft documents listed below and decided that the CESDRR would revise them taking into account the comments and proposals expressed and submit them for coordination through diplomatic channels **by 15 September 2017**.
  - a) Framework for Strengthening Regional Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response;
  - b) Regulations on the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of State Authorities Authorized in the Field of Emergency Prevention and Response of Central Asian countries;
  - c) Action Plan for the Implementation of the Framework for Strengthening Regional Cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response in Central Asian countries for 2018-2020;
  - d) Concept for the Establishment of a “Regional Register of National and International Specialists and Experts” in the fields of seismic, environmental, fire, radiation, industrial, hydrogeological, and other areas of safety;
  - e) Concept for the Establishment of a “Regional Scientific and Technical Council on Emergency Situations” (RSTC on ES);
  - f) Concept for the Establishment of a “Regional Register of Forces and Assets of Central Asian countries” for the purpose of conducting emergency rescue operations within their territories in the event of large-scale and transboundary emergency situations.
2. The participants proposed that the next sessions of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of State Authorities Authorized in the Field of Emergency Prevention and Response of Central Asian countries, held within the framework of the Central Asia plus Japan Dialogue, be convened in **2018 in the Republic of Kazakhstan**, hosted by the Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction Centre in Almaty, and in **2019 in the Kyrgyz Republic**.
3. They also agreed to hold a Working Group Meeting in **the first half of 2018** in order to further refine the above-mentioned draft documents prior to their submission for consideration by the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of State Authorities Authorized in the Field of Emergency Prevention and Response of Central Asian countries within the framework of the Central Asia plus Japan Dialogue.
4. Discussed and proposed to assign:
  - to grant the Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction Centre in Almaty the status of Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of State Authorities Authorized in the Field of Emergency Prevention and Response of Central Asian countries;
  - to grant the Working Group the status of the working body of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of State Authorities Authorized in the Field of Emergency Prevention and Response of Central Asian countries.
5. They request the State authorities authorized in the field of emergency prevention and response of Central Asian countries to review and submit, **by 1 December 2017**, their proposals on the draft documents prepared by the participants of the Working Group Meeting to the Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction Centre in Almaty for consolidation and subsequent submission for consideration by the next Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of State Authorities Authorized in the Field of Emergency Prevention and Response of Central Asian countries, held within the framework of the Central Asia plus Japan Dialogue.
6. They express their appreciation and gratitude to the Government of Japan and the United Nations Development Programme in the Kyrgyz Republic for the technical and financial support provided for activities aimed at strengthening regional cooperation among emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response within the framework of the Central Asia plus Japan Dialogue, as well as to the Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction Centre in Almaty for the organization and hosting of the Working Group Meeting held on 3-4 August 2017.

## ACTIVITY 2

### WORKING GROUP (EXPERTS) MEETING OF THE REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES

**OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES  
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CENTRAL ASIA PLUS JAPAN DIALOGUE**

26 April 2018, Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan  
Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction Center

**FINAL DOCUMENT - PROTOCOL**

**The Working Group (Experts) of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, with the participation of experts from the Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction Center and the United Nations Development Programme, reviewed, discussed, agreed upon, and proposed to submit for consideration by the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries.**

Reviewed, discussed, agreed upon, and proposed to submit for consideration by the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries.

1. Draft Regulations on the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries.
2. Draft Framework for Strengthening Regional Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response.
3. Draft Action Plan for the Implementation of the Framework for Strengthening Regional Cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response in Central Asian countries for 2018-2020.
4. Concept for the Establishment of a “Regional Register of National and International Specialists and Experts” in the fields of seismic, environmental, fire, radiation, industrial, hydrogeological, and other areas of safety.
5. Concept for the Establishment of a “Regional Scientific and Technical Council on Emergency Situations”.
6. Concept for the Establishment of a “Regional Register of Forces and Assets of Central Asian countries” for the purpose of conducting emergency rescue operations within their territories in the event of large-scale and transboundary emergencies.
7. Proposal for the Establishment of a “Regional Coordination Mechanism for Response to Large-Scale and Transboundary Emergency Situations.”
8. Draft Joint Statement of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries on Strengthening Regional Cooperation in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction, Emergency Prevention, and Emergency Response, to be presented by the delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan at the Second Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, 2018, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
9. Draft Final Document - Protocol of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, dated 27 April 2018.

**ACTIVITY 3**

**REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES  
OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES**

27 April 2018, Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan  
Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction Center

**FINAL DOCUMENT - PROTOCOL**

**We, the heads of delegations and representatives of the emergency departments of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, the Republic of Uzbekistan - participants of the Regional Forum - Meetings of the heads of the Emergency Departments of the Central Asian countries,**

**Taking into account,**

- The region, home to approximately 80 million people, is exposed to virtually all types of natural and man-made disasters, including earthquakes, floods, landslides, mudflows, debris flows, avalanches, droughts, epidemics, dam failures, and hazardous substance emissions,
- Existing trends in the countries of the region towards an increase in the scale of adverse impacts of natural disasters, accidents, and catastrophes, as well as heightened human vulnerability to natural and technological hazards, hinder the more effective implementation of the sustainable development strategies, programmes, and plans,
- The existence of risks of larger and transboundary emergencies, the consequences of which cannot always be addressed solely by the capacity and resources of a single country
- The necessity of further enhancing, at the regional level, mechanisms for the implementation of bilateral and multilateral intergovernmental agreements (treaties) in the field of disaster prevention and emergency response, as well as relevant United Nations strategic and programmatic documents on sustainable development, disaster risk reduction (DRR) and emergency management, including,
  - The Agreement between the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan on Cooperation in the Field of Prevention and Response to Emergencies (Cholpon-Ata, 17 July 1998);
  - the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Sustainable Development Goals - SDGs), the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030.

**Determined to continue efforts to implement the outcome documents of,**

- the Regional Ministerial Conference “Regional Cooperation on Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia”, held on 16-18 October 2013 in Bishkek,
- the second Regional Ministerial Conference of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries within the framework of the “Central Asia plus Japan” Dialogue, held on 18-19 September 2014 in Bishkek,
- the Regional Ministerial Conference of Central Asian and South Caucasus countries on Disaster Risk Reduction, within the framework of the “Central Asia plus Japan” Dialogue, held on 29-30 January 2015 in Bishkek,
- the Regional Ministerial Conference of Central Asian countries on the prevention of and response to emergencies, within the framework of the “Central Asia plus Japan” Dialogue, held on 24-25 November 2015 in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan,
- of the Regional Meeting of Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries, held on 30-31 March 2017 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

**With a view to undertaking further actions to develop and strengthen regional and international cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, as well as the prevention of and response to emergencies, particularly those of a large-scale and transboundary nature,**

**Approved:**

1. Terms of Reference of the Regional Forum - Meeting of Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries.
2. Framework for Strengthening Regional Cooperation among Central Asian Countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction and the Prevention of and Response to Emergencies.
3. Action Plan for the Implementation of the Framework for Strengthening Regional Cooperation in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction and the Prevention of and Response to Emergencies of Central Asian Countries for 2018-2020.
4. The Concept for the Establishment of a “Regional Register of National and International Specialists and Experts in the Fields of Seismic, Environmental, Fire, Radiation, Industrial, Hydrogeological, and Other Areas of Safety”.
5. The Concept for the Establishment of a “Regional Scientific and Technical Council on Emergencies.”
6. The Concept for the Establishment of a “Regional Register of Forces and Assets of Central Asian Countries for the Purpose of Conducting Emergency Rescue Operations on Their Territories in the Event of Large-Scale and Transboundary Emergencies.”
7. A proposal to convene the next Regional Forum - Meeting of Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries within the framework of the “Central Asia plus Japan” Dialogue in 2019 in the Kyrgyz Republic.

**Agreed to further consider the following matters and to inform the Secretariat of the Regional Forum of the decisions taken on:**

1. The proposal to establish a “Regional Coordination Mechanism for Response to Large-Scale and Transboundary Emergencies.”
2. The proposal of the International Civil Defence Organization (ICDO) to establish a Regional (Central Asian) Subsystem of the Global Network of Disaster Response Centres under the auspices of the ICDO International Monitoring and Coordination Centre (IMCC).
3. The draft Joint Statement of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries on strengthening regional cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction and the prevention of and response to emergencies, to be presented by the delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan at the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, 2018, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

**We express our gratitude and appreciation,**

to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Centre for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction for their warm hospitality and for the organization and conduct of the Regional Forum - Meeting of Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries, as well as to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the technical and financial support provided for activities aimed at strengthening regional cooperation among the emergency authorities of Central Asian countries in the field of disaster risk reduction and the prevention of and response to emergencies.

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#### **ACTIVITY 4**

### **WORKING GROUP MEETING OF THE REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CENTRAL ASIA PLUS JAPAN DIALOGUE**

1-2 November 2018, Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan  
Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction Center

#### **FINAL DOCUMENT - PROTOCOL**

The Working Group of the Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries discussed and proposed to submit for consideration by the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries the following:

1. Draft agenda of the next Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, planned to be held in the Kyrgyz Republic in 2019.
2. Draft Regulations on the Regional Register of Experts in the field of civil protection/civil defence, disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response.
3. Draft Regulations on the Regional Scientific and Technical Council on Emergency Situations.

4. Draft Regulations on the Regional Register of Forces and Assets of Central Asian countries for the purpose of conducting emergency rescue operations within their territories in the event of emergency situations.
5. Draft Regulations on the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Emergency Response, as well as issues related to the establishment and functioning of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Emergency Response.
6. Draft Rules of Procedure of the Working Group of the Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries.

**We express our gratitude and appreciation,**

to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction Center for their warm hospitality, as well as for the organization and hosting of the Working Group Meeting of the Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, and to the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank for the technical support provided for the organization of the Working Group Meeting.

## ACTIVITY 5

### WORKING GROUP MEETING OF THE REGIONAL FORUM–MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CENTRAL ASIA PLUS JAPAN DIALOGUE

11 July 2019, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

## FINAL DOCUMENT - PROTOCOL

**The Working Group of the Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, with the participation of representatives of the Secretariat of the Regional Forum, reviewed and discussed the issues submitted for consideration by the session of the Regional Forum, including:**

1. Draft Regulations on the Regional Scientific and Technical Council on Emergency Situations.
2. Draft Regulations on the Regional Register of Experts in the field of civil protection/civil defence, disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response.
3. Draft Regulations on the Regional Register of Forces and Assets of Central Asian countries for the purpose of conducting emergency rescue operations within their territories in the event of emergency situations.
4. Draft Regulations on the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Emergency Response.
5. Draft Action Plan (Roadmap) for the implementation of the Framework for Strengthening Regional Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response for 2019–2021.

The Working Group expressed its readiness to support and facilitate the implementation of regional programmes and projects aimed at strengthening disaster risk management in Central Asia, financed by donor agencies and international organizations.

**Having discussed the issues submitted for consideration by the session of the Regional Forum, the Working Group proposes:**

1. To establish a Regional Scientific and Technical Council on Emergency Situations as a public expert and advisory body of the Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, and to mandate the Secretariat of the Regional Forum to organize its activities in accordance with the approved Regulations.

**For this purpose:**

- Emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries are requested to submit to the Secretariat of the Regional Forum, by 1 September 2019, nominations of national specialists and experts for inclusion in the composition of the Regional Scientific and Technical Council on Emergency Situations;



- The Secretariat of the Regional Forum shall provide organizational and technical support to the activities of the Regional Scientific and Technical Council on Emergency Situations within the framework of the implementation of regional programmes and projects in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency management, and shall facilitate the convening of the first (organizational) meeting of the Council in November 2019.
2. To establish a Regional Register of Experts in the field of civil protection/civil defence, disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response. The Secretariat of the Regional Forum is mandated to organize the work related to the establishment of the Regional Register of Experts on Emergency Situations and to engage national and international experts in the implementation of regional scientific and technical programmes and projects in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency management.
  3. To establish a Regional Register of Forces and Assets of Central Asian countries for the purpose of conducting emergency rescue operations within their territories in the event of emergency situations. For this purpose, the emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries are requested to submit to the Secretariat of the Regional Forum, by 1 September 2019, a list of national permanent-readiness emergency rescue units to be included in the Regional Register of Forces and Assets of Central Asian countries, in accordance with Annex 1.
  4. To take as a basis the developed Draft Regulations on the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Emergency Response.

**For this purpose:**

- The Secretariat of the Regional Forum shall revise the draft Regulations, taking into account comments and proposals, and submit them for coordination to the emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries by 20 August 2019;
  - The agreed draft Regulations shall be submitted for consideration by the next Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries.
5. To mandate the Secretariat of the Regional Forum to submit for consideration the issue of conducting a regional exercise of the emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries on the deployment of forces and assets for emergency rescue operations in the event of transboundary emergency situations, following the approval of the Regulations on the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Emergency Response.
  6. To mandate the Secretariat of the Regional Forum to develop a draft concept for the use (joint use of flight data) of unmanned aerial vehicles by the emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries.
  7. To approve the Action Plan (Roadmap) for the implementation of the Framework for Strengthening Regional Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response for 2019-2021.
  8. To consider the organization of the next Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries in 2020 (or 2021) in the Republic of Uzbekistan.
  9. To encourage the emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries to support and facilitate the implementation of regional programmes and projects on disaster risk management in Central Asia, financed by donor agencies and international organizations.

**ACTIVITY 6**

**REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES  
OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES**

12 July 2019, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

**FINAL DOCUMENT - PROTOCOL**

**We, the Heads of Delegations of the emergency management authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, participants in the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries,**

**recognizing** that the countries of the region are currently facing challenges related to the increasing scale of the adverse impacts of natural disasters, accidents, and catastrophes, as well as the growing vulnerability of populations to natural and technological hazards, which are further exacerbated by emerging challenges, including climate change,

**taking into account** the existence of risks of emergency situations that cannot always be effectively addressed by the forces and assets of a single country,

**acknowledging** that the strengthening of regional and international cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response will contribute to enhancing resilience, improving well-being, and strengthening the security of Central Asian countries,

**supporting** the efforts of the United Nations and other international and non-governmental organizations in the field of disaster risk reduction and the provision of international assistance in emergency situations, guided by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the priorities and principles of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030,

**highly appreciating** the contribution of the Government of Japan and the United Nations Development Programme to the strengthening of regional cooperation among Central Asian countries within the framework of the Central Asia plus Japan Dialogue,

with a view to taking further measures to develop and strengthen regional and international cooperation, to improve the institutional foundations for the implementation of existing bilateral and multilateral intergovernmental and international treaties (agreements), and to establish sustainable mechanisms for disaster risk reduction and enhanced preparedness for potential emergency situations,

**Approved:**

1. The Regulations on the Regional Scientific and Technical Council on Emergency Situations.
2. The Regulations on the Regional Register of Experts in the field of civil protection/civil defence, disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response.
3. The Regulations on the Regional Register of Forces and Assets of Central Asian countries for the purpose of conducting emergency rescue operations within their territories in the event of emergency situations.
4. The Action Plan (Roadmap) for the implementation of the Framework for Strengthening Regional Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response for 2019-2021.

**Decided as follows:**

1. To establish a Regional Scientific and Technical Council on Emergency Situations as a public expert and advisory body of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, and to mandate the Secretariat of the Regional Forum to organize its activities in accordance with the approved Regulations.

<b>For</b>	<b>this</b>	<b>purpose:</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries shall submit to the Secretariat of the Regional Forum, by 1 September 2019, nominations of national specialists and experts for inclusion in the Regional Scientific and Technical Council on Emergency Situations;</li><li>• The Secretariat of the Regional Forum shall provide organizational and technical support to the activities of the Regional Scientific and Technical Council on Emergency Situations within the framework of the implementation of regional programmes and projects in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency management, and shall facilitate the convening of the first (organizational) meeting of the Council in November 2019.</li></ul> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. To establish a Regional Register of Experts in the field of civil protection/civil defence, disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response.</li></ol> |
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**For this purpose**, the Secretariat of the Regional Forum shall organize the relevant work related to the establishment of the Regional Register of Experts on Emergency Situations and engage national and international experts in the implementation of regional scientific and technical programmes and projects in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency management.

3. To establish a Regional Register of Forces and Assets of Central Asian countries for the purpose of conducting emergency rescue operations within their territories in the event of emergency situations.

**For this purpose**, the emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries shall submit to the Secretariat of the Regional Forum, by 1 September 2019, a list of national permanent-readiness emergency rescue units to be included in the Regional Register of Forces and Assets of Central Asian countries, in accordance with Annex 1.

4. To mandate the Secretariat of the Regional Forum to develop a draft concept for the use (including joint use of flight data) of unmanned aerial vehicles by the emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries.
5. To approve the Action Plan (Roadmap) for the implementation of the Framework for Strengthening Regional Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response for 2019-2021.
6. To consider the organization of the next Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries in 2020 (or 2021) in the Republic of Uzbekistan.
7. To encourage the emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries to support and facilitate the implementation of regional programmes and projects on disaster risk management in Central Asia, financed by donor agencies and international organizations.

**We express our gratitude and appreciation,**

to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic for its warm hospitality, as well as for the organization and hosting of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, and to the Government of Japan, the United Nations Development Programme, and the World Bank for the technical and financial support provided for activities aimed at strengthening regional cooperation among emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response.

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**ACTIVITY 7**

**WORKING GROUP MEETING  
OF THE REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES  
OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES**

10 December 2020 (videoconference format)

**The Working Group of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, with the participation of representatives of the Secretariat of the Regional Forum, reviewed and discussed the issues submitted for consideration by the Regional Consultative Meeting on Strengthening Regional Cooperation in Disaster Risk Reduction and the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia, including:**

1. Information on the implementation of measures to strengthen regional cooperation within the framework of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries.
2. Achievements and challenges in the implementation of the Action Plan (Roadmap) for the Framework for Strengthening Regional Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency management for 2019-2021.
3. Initial draft of the Regional Disaster Risk Profile.
4. Initial draft of the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy for Central Asian countries for 2022-2030.
5. Coordination and cooperation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the Regional Dialogue of United Nations Member States held on 17 September 2020.
6. Information on the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction, including the possibility of developing a regional position and organizing a dedicated session for the Central Asia region within the Forum programme.
7. Information on the current status, achievements, and challenges in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction at the national and regional levels.
8. Information on regional programmes, projects, and plans in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency management for 2020-2021.
9. Information on the global Making Cities Resilient 2030 campaign.
10. Projects, plans, and training programmes aimed at strengthening regional and national capacities for monitoring, coordination, and implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in 2021.

**Having discussed the issues submitted for consideration by the Regional Consultative Meeting on Strengthening Regional Cooperation in Disaster Risk Reduction and the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia, the Working Group proposes:**

Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries submit the issues to the Regional Consultative Meeting in accordance with the programme, taking into account the additions and amendments proposed by the Working Group.

## ACTIVITY 8

### REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON STRENGTHENING REGIONAL COOPERATION IN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SENDAI FRAMEWORK FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION IN CENTRAL ASIA

10-11 December 2020 (videoconference format)

## FINAL DOCUMENT - PROTOCOL

**We, the heads and representatives of the emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries and international organizations, participants in the Regional Consultative Meeting on Strengthening Regional Cooperation in Disaster Risk Reduction and the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia,**

**Taking into account** the risks of large-scale and transboundary emergency situations, the consequences of which cannot always be addressed solely by the forces and assets of a single country,

**Recognizing** that the strengthening of regional and international cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response will contribute to enhancing resilience, improving well-being, and strengthening the security of Central Asian countries,

**Supporting** the efforts of the European Union, the United Nations, and other international organizations in the field of disaster risk reduction and the provision of international assistance in emergency situations, guided by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the priorities and principles of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030,

**Intending to continue measures to implement the adopted outcome documents**, namely:

Regional Ministerial Conference of Central Asian countries on Emergency Prevention and Response to Emergencies and Natural Disasters, held on 24-25 November 2015 in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan (Ashgabat Declaration),

Regional Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries on Disaster Risk Reduction, held on 31 March 2017 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan (Dushanbe Declaration),

Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, held on 26-27 April 2018 in Almaty, Kazakhstan (Protocol of the Regional Forum),

Regional Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in Central Asia, held on 21 August 2019 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan (Dushanbe Resolution);

Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, held on 11-12 July 2019 in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic (Protocol of the Regional Forum),

**Based on the information presented and the productive discussions on strengthening regional cooperation in disaster risk reduction and emergency management and on the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia,**

**HEREBY PUT FORWARD THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:**

**1. To take note of the information presented on:**

the implementation of measures to strengthen regional cooperation within the framework of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries,

coordination and cooperation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic,

the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction, including opportunities to develop a regional position and to organize a dedicated session for the Central Asia region within the Forum programme,

the current status, achievements, and challenges in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction at the national and regional levels.

**2. To consolidate and intensify joint efforts to undertake further coordinated measures at the regional level aimed at:**

accelerating the achievement of the goals, targets, priorities, and expected outcomes of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asian countries,

reducing existing disaster risks and preventing new ones, and by 2030 significantly decreasing the number of deaths and affected persons, as well as socio-economic losses resulting from disasters,

ensuring, by 2030, a transition to a new and higher-quality level of regional cooperation among Central Asian countries that meets the vital interests of the region in advancing sustainable development.

**3. To take into consideration the initial draft of the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy for Central Asian countries for 2022-2030.**

The Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, jointly with expert specialists of the Working Group, shall revise the draft Strategy by 20 March 2021 and submit it for coordination to the emergency management authorities. Subsequently, the agreed draft Regional DRR Strategy shall be submitted for consideration by the next Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries.

**4. To take into consideration the initial draft of the Regional Disaster Risk Profile.**

The Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, jointly with expert specialists of the Working Group, shall revise the draft Regional Disaster Risk Profile by 20 February 2021 and submit it for consideration by the next meeting of the Regional Scientific and Technical Council on Emergency Situations.

5. The Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, jointly with expert specialists of the Working Group, shall plan and implement activities to strengthen regional cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency management in 2021, taking into account the proposals expressed by the heads of emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries during the Regional Consultative Meeting.
6. To authorize the Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries - the Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction Center (CESDRR) - to sign the present Final Document of the Regional Consultative Meeting held on 10-11 December 2020.

**Director of the CESDRR**

**D. Ukashev**

**ACTIVITY 9**

**WORKING GROUP MEETING  
OF THE REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES  
OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES**

28-29 July 2021, Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan

**FINAL DOCUMENT - PROTOCOL**

**The Working Group of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, with the participation of representatives of the Secretariat of the Regional Forum, reviewed and discussed the issues submitted for consideration by the session of the Regional Forum, including:**

1. Draft Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction for 2022-2030.
2. Draft Regional Disaster Risk Profile of Central Asian countries.
3. Draft Regulations on the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Emergency Response.
4. Draft Concept for the Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for the purposes of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response in Central Asian countries.
5. Draft Action Plan (Roadmap) for Practical Measures for 2022-2023 for the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction for 2022-2030.
6. Draft agenda of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, planned to be held in November 2021 in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan.

**The Working Group (Experts) proposes:**

1. **To approve and submit for consideration by the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries:**
  - the Draft Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction for 2022-2030.
2. **To mandate the Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries to revise, taking into account the comments and proposals received, and to resubmit for further coordination by 5 September 2021 the following draft documents:**

- the Draft Regional Disaster Risk Profile of Central Asian countries;
  - the Draft Regulations on the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Emergency Response;
  - the Draft Concept for the Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for the purposes of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response in Central Asian countries;
  - the Draft Action Plan (Roadmap) for Practical Measures for 2022–2023 for the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction for 2022–2030;
  - the Draft agenda of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, planned to be held in November 2021 in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan.
3. To mandate the Secretariat of the Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries to organize a Working Group (Experts) meeting in videoconference format by 20 September 2021 in order to finalize and agree upon the revised draft documents to be submitted for consideration by the next Regional Forum-Meeting.
  4. To invite the emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries to consider the organization of the next Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries in 2022 and to submit their proposals to the Secretariat of the Regional Forum by 15 September 2021.

**Chairperson**

**Zh. Isaev**

## ACTIVITY 10

### WORKING GROUP MEETING OF THE REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES

17 September 2021 (videoconference format)

## FINAL DOCUMENT - PROTOCOL

**The Working Group of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, with the participation of representatives of the Secretariat of the Regional Forum, reviewed and discussed the issues submitted for consideration by the session of the Regional Forum, including:**

1. Draft Regional Disaster Risk Profile of Central Asian countries.
2. Draft Regulations on the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Emergency Response.
3. Draft Concept for the Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for the purposes of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response in Central Asian countries.
4. Draft Action Plan (Roadmap) for Practical Measures for 2022-2023 for the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction for 2022-2030.
5. Draft agenda of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, planned to be held in November 2021 in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan.

**Having discussed the issues submitted for consideration by the Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, the Working Group (Experts) proposes:**

1. To approve and submit for consideration by the Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries:

- the Draft Regulations on the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Emergency Response;
  - the Draft Concept for the Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for the purposes of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response in Central Asian countries;
  - the Draft Action Plan (Roadmap) for Practical Measures for 2022–2023 for the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction for 2022–2030;
  - the Draft agenda of the Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, planned to be held in November 2021 in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan.
2. **To mandate the Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries to revise, taking into account the proposals submitted, and to resubmit for further coordination by 25 September 2021:**
    - The Draft Regional Disaster Risk Profile of Central Asian countries.
  3. **To mandate the Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries to organize, by 20 October 2021, a Working Group (Experts) meeting in videoconference format in order to agree upon the revised draft Regional Disaster Risk Profile of Central Asian countries.**

Director of the CESDRR

J. Ukashev

#### ACTIVITY 11

#### WORKING GROUP MEETING OF THE REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES

20 October 2021 (videoconference format)

#### FINAL DOCUMENT - PROTOCOL

**The Working Group (Experts) of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, with the participation of representatives of the Secretariat of the Regional Forum, reviewed and discussed the draft “Regional Disaster Risk Profile of Central Asian countries.”**

Following the review and discussion, the Working Group (Experts) proposes to approve and submit for consideration by the next Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries the draft “Regional Disaster Risk Profile of Central Asian countries,” which is planned to be held on 5 November 2021 in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, under the chairmanship of the Uzbek side.

Director of the CESDRR

J. Ukashev

#### ACTIVITY 12

#### REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES

5 November 2021, Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan

#### FINAL DOCUMENT - PROTOCOL

**We, the Heads of Delegations of the emergency management authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, participants in the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries,**



**Recognizing** that the countries of the region are currently facing challenges related to the **increasing scale of the adverse** impacts of natural disasters, accidents, and catastrophes, as well as the growing vulnerability of populations to natural and technological hazards, which are further exacerbated by emerging challenges, including climate change,

**Taking into account** the existence of risks of large-scale and transboundary emergency situations, the consequences of which cannot always be effectively addressed solely by the forces and assets of a single country,

**Acknowledging** that the strengthening of regional and international cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, emergency prevention, and emergency response will contribute to sustainable development, improved well-being, and enhanced security of Central Asian countries,

**Supporting** the efforts of the United Nations and other international organizations in the field of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and the provision of international assistance in emergency situations, guided by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the priorities and principles of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030,

**Highly appreciating** the contribution of the European Union and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction to the strengthening of regional cooperation among Central Asian countries,

**With a view to** taking further measures to develop and strengthen regional and international cooperation, to enhance the institutional foundations for the implementation of bilateral and multilateral intergovernmental agreements, and to establish sustainable mechanisms for disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and enhanced preparedness for response to potential emergency situations, including those of a transboundary nature,

**Approved:**

1. The Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction for 2022-2030.
2. The Regulations on the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Emergency Response.
3. The Action Plan (Roadmap) for Practical Measures for 2022-2023 for the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction.
4. The Concept for the Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for the purposes of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response in Central Asian countries.

**Decided as follows:**

1. To implement the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction for 2022-2030 through phased Action Plans (Roadmaps) by initiating, developing, promoting, and implementing joint intergovernmental and international programmes and projects in the field of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, emergency prevention, and emergency response, with technical support from donor agencies, international and non-governmental organizations, scientific and research institutions, as well as the private sector.
2. To mandate the CESDRR, in its capacity as the Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, to establish and implement measures for organizing the activities of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Emergency Response.
3. To support the initiative of the CESDRR, as the Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, to develop and regularly present to interested stakeholders the Regional Disaster Risk Profile of Central Asian countries.
4. To strengthen the implementation of organizational, legal, and technical measures aimed at the development, enhancement, deployment, and use of innovative information and communication technologies, including geographic information systems (GIS) and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).
5. To consider and submit, by the end of November, proposals to the CESDRR, in its capacity as the Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, regarding the establishment of a regional early warning system for the threat and occurrence of emergency situations.

6. To support the proposal to hold the next Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries in 2022 in Dushanbe, under the chairmanship of the Tajik side.

7. To take note of the information presented and to provide full support and assistance in the implementation of the following regional initiatives, programmes, and projects in the field of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation:

- the UNDRR/EU initiative “Enhancing Disaster Resilience and Accelerating the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia”,
- the World Bank/EU programme “Strengthening Financial Resilience and Accelerating Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia”,
- the UNDRR project on the development of a subnational INFORM disaster risk assessment model for Central Asian and Caucasus countries,
- the UNDP project “Strengthening Integrated Risk Management Capacity in the Kyrgyz Republic and Regional Cooperation in Central Asia”,
- the UNICEF project “Development of Unmanned Aerial Systems to Enhance the Safety of Territories and Populations, including Vulnerable Groups, from Emergencies and Disasters”,
- the FAO project “Strengthening Capacity for Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness in the Agricultural Sector”,
- the UNESCO/Adaptation Fund project “Reducing the Vulnerability of Populations in the Central Asian Region to Glacial Lake Outburst Floods under Climate Change Conditions”,
- the Green Central Asia / GIZ project “Climate Risk Management”,
- the ICDO projects aimed at strengthening the capacities of diving and canine services of the emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries,
- the OSCE project on improving methodologies and practices for disaster risk monitoring and assessment through the use of innovative information and communication technologies.

**We express our gratitude and appreciation,**

to the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan for its warm hospitality, as well as for the organization and hosting of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries,

and to the European Union and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction for the technical and financial support provided for activities aimed at strengthening regional cooperation among emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries in the field of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, emergency prevention, and emergency response.

**For the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan**

**For the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic**

**For the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defence under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan**

**For the Ministry of Defence of Turkmenistan**

**For the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

## **ACTIVITY 13**

### **WORKING GROUP MEETING OF THE REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES**

**FINAL DOCUMENT - PROTOCOL**

**The Working Group (Experts) of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, with the participation of representatives of the Secretariat of the Regional Forum, reviewed and discussed the issues submitted for consideration by the session of the Regional Forum, in accordance with the agenda of the Working Group meeting.**

Having discussed the issues submitted for consideration by the Regional Forum, the Working Group proposes to approve and submit for consideration by the session of the Regional Forum the following:

- 1) Implementation of the Action Plan (Roadmap) for the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction in 2022, and the Action Plan for 2023–2024: progress achieved and planned activities.
- 2) Midterm review of the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asian countries.
- 3) Strengthening the resilience of Central Asian countries to climate change.
- 4) Measures for the establishment of a Regional Early Warning and Mutual Information-Sharing System on the threat and occurrence of emergency situations.
- 5) Measures to introduce innovative information and communication technologies for the purpose of disaster risk reduction.
- 6) Cooperation in disaster risk reduction in Central Asia in 2023: alignment of international programmes with national and regional priorities.
- 7) Modern and innovative methods for monitoring glaciers, snow cover, and potentially dangerous glacial lakes under climate change conditions.
- 8) Cooperation in disaster risk reduction and climate change in Central Asia in 2023: alignment of international programmes with national and regional priorities, including risks of technological and anthropogenic disasters.

**To mandate the Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries to revise, taking into account the comments and proposals received, and to resubmit for further coordination by 5 September 2022 the following draft documents:**

- the Draft programme and list of participants of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries;
- the Draft Action Plan (Roadmap) for the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction for 2023-2024;
- the Draft Action Plan for the introduction of innovative information and communication technologies (GIS, UAVs, mapping) in Central Asian countries for the purposes of monitoring, forecasting, assessment, and analysis of disaster risks;
- the Draft Regional Disaster Risk Profile of Central Asian countries, taking into account climate change;
- the Draft Regional Coordination Mechanism;
- the Draft Regulations on the Regional Early Warning and Mutual Information-Sharing System on the threat and occurrence of emergency situations.

The emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries are requested to submit their proposals on the issues considered to the Secretariat of the Regional Forum by 15 September 2022.

**Chairperson**

**Zh. I. Ukashev**

## ACTIVITY 14

### WORKING GROUP MEETING OF THE REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES

5 October 2022, Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan

#### FINAL DOCUMENT - PROTOCOL

**The Working Group (Experts) of the Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, with the participation of representatives of the Secretariat of the Regional Forum, reviewed, discussed, agreed upon, and proposed to submit for consideration by the Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries the following:**

1. Draft Action Plan (Roadmap) for the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction for 2023-2024.
2. Draft Regulations on the Regional Early Warning and Mutual Information-Sharing System on the threat and occurrence of emergency situations.
3. Draft Protocol of Intent on the integration of earthquake early warning systems.
4. Draft Action Plan for 2023-2024 on the introduction of innovative information and communication technologies in the field of disaster risk reduction in Central Asian countries (ICT, UAVs, GIS, mapping, etc.).
5. Draft Protocol of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, October 2022.

**We express our gratitude and appreciation,**

to the leadership of the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defence under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction Center for the organization and hosting of the Working Group Meeting of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries.

to the European Union, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, and the World Bank for the technical and financial support provided for the organization of the Working Group Meeting.

**Chairperson**

**Zh. I. Ukashev**

## ACTIVITY 15

### REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES

6 October 2022, Tashkent, Republic of Tajikistan

#### FINAL DOCUMENT - PROTOCOL

**We, the Heads of Delegations of the emergency management authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, participants in the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries,**

**Recognizing** that the countries of the region are currently facing challenges related to the increasing adverse impacts of natural disasters, accidents, and catastrophes, as well as the growing vulnerability of populations to natural and technological hazards, which are further exacerbated by emerging challenges, including climate change and bio-social hazards,

**Taking into account** the existence of risks of large-scale and transboundary emergency situations, the consequences of which cannot always be effectively addressed solely by the forces and assets of a single country,

**Acknowledging** that the strengthening of regional and international cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, emergency prevention, and emergency response will contribute to sustainable development, improved well-being, and enhanced security of Central Asian countries,

**Supporting** the efforts of the United Nations and other international organizations in the field of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and the provision of international assistance in emergency situations, guided by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the priorities and principles of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030,

**Supporting** the call of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, voiced during the seventh session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (Indonesia, 23-28 May 2022), to protect every person on Earth by ensuring universal coverage through early warning systems and mutual information-sharing mechanisms on the threat of emergency situations,

**Highly appreciating** the contribution of the European Union (EU), the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), and the World Bank to the strengthening of regional cooperation among Central Asian countries,

**With a view to** taking further measures to develop and strengthen regional and international cooperation, to enhance the institutional foundations for the implementation of bilateral and multilateral intergovernmental agreements, to establish sustainable mechanisms for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, to strengthen preparedness for response to potential emergency situations, including those of a transboundary nature, and to establish multi-hazard early warning and mutual information-sharing systems with adequate institutional, financial, and human capacities,

**Approved:**

1. The Action Plan (Roadmap) for the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction for 2023-2024.
2. The Regulations on the Regional Early Warning and Mutual Information-Sharing System on the threat and occurrence of emergency situations.
3. The Protocol of Intent on the Integration of Earthquake Early Warning Systems.
4. The Action Plan for 2023-2024 on the introduction of innovative information and communication technologies in the field of disaster risk reduction in Central Asian countries (ICT, UAVs, GIS, mapping, etc.).

**Decided as follows:**

1. To take note of the information presented on:
  - the progress in the implementation of the Action Plan (Roadmap) in 2022 for the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction;
  - the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asian countries for the period 2015-2022.
2. To establish a Technical Working Group (TWG), composed of delegated specialist experts from Central Asian countries, for the development of a Regional Early Warning and Mutual Information-Sharing System on the threat and occurrence of emergency situations, by 10 December 2022.
3. To provide full support and assistance for the implementation of the following regional initiatives, programmes, and projects in the field of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation:

- the UNDRR/EU initiative “Enhancing Disaster Resilience and Accelerating the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia”;

- the EU, GFDRR, and World Bank programme “Strengthening Financial Resilience and Accelerating Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia”, including continued cooperation on regional disaster risk assessment and its application in disaster risk reduction, as well as the development of dialogue on social protection and disaster risk financing;

- the UNDRR project on the development of a subnational INFORM disaster risk assessment model for Central Asian and Caucasus countries;

- ICDO projects aimed at strengthening the capacities of diving and canine services of the emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries;

- the initiative of the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defence under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Glacier Study Center of the National Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan to mobilize grant funding for the implementation of a regional early warning system for glacial lake outburst floods and surging glaciers;

- the enhancement of scientific capacity in the implementation of UNDRR/EU initiatives and the World Bank/EU programme at the national and regional levels through the use of scientific results and analytical publications of academic institutions;

- promoting the pooling of efforts of Central Asian countries in the training of highly qualified specialists in the field of seismic and other natural risk reduction;

- facilitating cooperation among educational, scientific, design, construction, international, and civil society organizations of Central Asian countries, and promoting the exchange of experience at the regional level, in order to effectively address seismic safety challenges of cities and settlements;

- the initiative of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Kazakhstan and LLP “I2NIK” to mobilize grant funding for the implementation of a regional earthquake early warning system and interstate exchange of seismic information in Central Asian countries.

4. To propose that the Turkmen side consider hosting the next Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries in 2023 in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, and to inform the Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries of the decision taken by 20 February 2023.

**We express our gratitude and appreciation,**

to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan for its warm hospitality, as well as for the organization and hosting of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries,

to the European Union, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), and the World Bank for the technical and financial support provided for activities aimed at strengthening regional cooperation among emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries in the field of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, emergency prevention, and emergency response.

**For the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan**

**For the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic**

**For the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defence under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan**

**For the Ministry of Defence of Turkmenistan**

**For the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

**ACTIVITY 16**

**WORKING GROUP MEETING  
OF THE REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES  
OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES**

4 October 2023, Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan

**FINAL DOCUMENT - PROTOCOL**

The Working Group (Experts) of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, with the participation of representatives of the Secretariat of the Regional Forum, reviewed and discussed the issues submitted for consideration by the session of the Regional Forum and proposes:

- 1. To approve and submit for consideration by the Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries:**
  - the Report on the implementation of the Action Plan (Roadmap) for the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction for 2023-2024;
  - measures for the establishment of a Regional Early Warning and Mutual Information-Sharing System on the threat and occurrence of emergency situations;
  - the Draft Concept for the establishment of a Digital Atlas of Natural and Technological Transboundary Hazards of Central Asian countries, based on the example of the developing platform “Digital Safety Passport and Interactive Map - Digital Risk Atlas of the Republic of Kazakhstan”;
  - measures for the implementation of the Regulations on the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Emergency Response;
  - the Draft agenda of the Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan, 10 November 2023;
  - the Draft Protocol of the Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan, 10 November 2023.
- 2. The Working Group (Experts) decided on the need to conduct internal institutional and intergovernmental coordination of the Draft Appeal** of the Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries to the United Nations on the establishment of a Regional Early Warning and Mutual Information-Sharing System within the framework of the UN global initiative “Early Warnings for All (EW4All)”, by 1 November 2023.

**We express our gratitude and appreciation,**

to the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, and the United Nations Development Programme for the technical and financial support provided for the organization of the Working Group Meeting of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries.

**Director of the CESDRR**

**S. Aubakirov**

**ACTIVITY 17**

**WORKING GROUP MEETING  
OF THE REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES  
OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES**

9 November 2023, Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan

**FINAL DOCUMENT - PROTOCOL**

The Working Group (Experts) of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, with the participation of representatives of the Secretariat of the Regional Forum, reviewed and discussed the issues submitted for consideration by the session of the Regional Forum and proposes:

- 1. To approve and submit for consideration by the Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries:**

- the Draft Programme of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan, 10 November 2023;
  - the Report on the implementation of the Action Plan (Roadmap) for the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction for 2023-2024;
  - measures for the establishment of a Regional Early Warning and Mutual Information-Sharing System on the threat and occurrence of emergency situations;
  - the Draft Initiative for the establishment of a Digital Atlas of Natural and Technological Transboundary Hazards of Central Asian countries, based on the developing platform “Digital Safety Passport and Interactive Map - Digital Risk Atlas of the Republic of Kazakhstan”;
  - measures for the implementation of the Regulations on the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Emergency Response;
  - the Draft Protocol of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan, 10 November 2023.
- 2. The Working Group (Experts) discussed and confirmed its readiness to sign the Draft Appeal of the Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. António Guterres, regarding the establishment of a Regional Early Warning and Mutual Information-Sharing System for transboundary emergency situations.**

Deputy Director

M. Chekirbaev

## ACTIVITY 18

### REGIONAL FORUM–MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES

10 November 2023, Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan

## FINAL DOCUMENT - PROTOCOL

**We, the Heads of Delegations of the emergency management authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, participants in the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries,**

**Recognizing** that the countries of the region are currently facing challenges related to the increasing adverse impacts of natural disasters, accidents, and catastrophes, as well as the growing vulnerability of populations to natural and technological hazards, which are further exacerbated by emerging challenges, including climate change and bio-social hazards,

**Taking into account** the vulnerability of the Central Asia region to the impacts of climate change and the need to introduce modern disaster risk management approaches, including the use of innovative technologies,

**Acknowledging** that the strengthening of regional and international cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and emergency response will contribute to enhancing resilience, improving well-being, and strengthening the security of Central Asian countries,

**Supporting the efforts** of the European Union, the United Nations, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), and other international organizations in the field of disaster risk reduction and the provision of international humanitarian assistance in emergency situations, guided by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the priorities and principles of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030,

**Welcoming the call** of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. António Guterres, to ensure universal coverage of the world’s population by early warning systems by 2027, as articulated during the Global Climate Conference held in Egypt in 2022,



**Highly appreciating** the contribution of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) to the strengthening of regional cooperation among Central Asian countries,

**With a view to taking** further measures to develop and strengthen regional and international cooperation, to enhance the institutional foundations for the implementation of bilateral and multilateral intergovernmental agreements, to establish sustainable mechanisms for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, to strengthen preparedness for response to potential emergency situations, including those of a transboundary nature, and to establish multi-hazard early warning and mutual information-sharing systems with adequate institutional, financial, and human capacities,

**Decided as follows:**

1. To take note of the information presented on:

- the progress in the implementation in 2023 of the Action Plan (Roadmap) for the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction;
- measures for the establishment of a Regional Early Warning and Mutual Information-Sharing System on the threat and occurrence of emergency situations;
- measures for the implementation of the Regulations on the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Response to Large-Scale and Transboundary Emergencies;
- measures for the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asian countries, based on the Midterm Review;
- measures for the implementation of the global initiative “Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030)”;
- the results of the assessment of capacities and gaps in the development of Early Warning Systems in Central Asia;
- the implementation of disaster risk management projects in Tajikistan with the support of development partners;
- an overview of World Bank programmes in Central Asia supporting disaster risk management and financing;
- measures for the implementation of the GIZ Regional Programme “Climate Risk Management in Central Asia”;
- recommendations on mapping and assessing International Disaster Response Law (IDRL) in Central Asian countries;
- measures on disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and emergency response in Kazakhstan;
- measures to strengthen local and national capacities for emergency preparedness and response in earthquake-prone and disaster-affected Central Asian countries;
- investments of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) in disaster risk reduction in Central Asia, with a focus on disaster risk financing and insurance;
- measures to enhance the capacity of emergency response services in Central Asian countries;
- measures of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) related to tailings safety and climate change;
- measures for the introduction of innovative information and communication technologies, including GIS-based solutions, to address transboundary disasters.

2. To approve the Initiative for the establishment of a Digital Atlas of Transboundary Hazards of Central Asian countries.

3. To sign the Appeal of the Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. António Guterres, regarding the establishment of a Regional Early Warning and Mutual Information-Sharing System for transboundary emergency situations.

4. To propose that the Kyrgyz side consider hosting the next Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries in 2024 in the Kyrgyz Republic, and to inform the Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries of the decision taken by 20 February 2024.

**We express our gratitude and appreciation,**

to the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Kazakhstan for its warm hospitality, as well as for the organization and hosting of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries,

to the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) for the support provided to activities aimed at strengthening regional cooperation among emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries in the field of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, emergency prevention, and emergency response.

**For the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan**

**For the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic**

**For the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defence under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan**

**For the Ministry of Defence of Turkmenistan**

**For the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

**ACTIVITY 19**

**WORKING GROUP MEETING  
OF THE REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES  
OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES**

4 July 2024, Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan

**FINAL DOCUMENT - PROTOCOL**

**The Working Group (Experts) of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, with the participation of representatives of the Secretariat of the Regional Forum, reviewed and discussed the issues submitted for consideration by the session of the Regional Forum and proposes:**

**To approve and submit for consideration by the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries:**

- the Draft Programme of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, Kyrgyz Republic, Issyk-Kul Region, 14-15 August 2024;
- the Report on the implementation of the Action Plan (Roadmap) for the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction for 2023-2024;
- the Draft Action Plan (Roadmap) for the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction for 2025-2026;

- information on the progress in the implementation of the Regulations on the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Emergency Response, taking into account the results of the Regional Report on International Disaster Response Law (IDRL) prepared with the support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC);
- information on further measures for the establishment of a Regional Early Warning and Mutual Information-Sharing System on the threat and occurrence of emergency situations;
- information on measures taken in follow-up to the Appeal of the Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. António Guterres, regarding the establishment of a Regional Early Warning and Mutual Information-Sharing System for transboundary emergency situations;
- information on further measures for the establishment of a Digital Atlas of Transboundary Hazards of Central Asian countries, taking into account the experience of developing the National GIS-based Emergency Management System of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- the Draft Protocol of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, Kyrgyz Republic, Issyk-Kul Region, 14-15 August 2024.

Deputy Director

M. Chekirbaev

## ACTIVITY 20

### REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES

15 August 2024, Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyz Republic

## FINAL DOCUMENT - PROTOCOL

**We, the Heads of Delegations of the emergency management authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, participants in the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries,**

**Recognizing** that the countries of the region continue to face challenges related to the increasing adverse impacts of natural disasters, accidents, and catastrophes, as well as the growing vulnerability of populations to natural and technological hazards, exacerbated by emerging challenges, including climate change and bio-social hazards, among others,

**Taking into account** the vulnerability of the Central Asia region to the impacts of climate change, the risks of large-scale and transboundary emergency situations, the consequences of which cannot always be addressed solely by the forces and assets of a single country, and the need to introduce modern disaster risk management approaches, including the use of innovative technologies,

**Acknowledging** that the strengthening of regional and international cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, preparedness, prevention, and emergency response will contribute to enhancing resilience, improving well-being, and strengthening the security of Central Asian countries,

**Noting the transition** from awareness of exposure to transboundary risks to the readiness of the heads of emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries to undertake practical actions aimed at establishing sustainable mechanisms of regional cooperation in the areas of prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery from transboundary emergency situations, as well as at integrating post-emergency recovery processes into the regulatory and legal frameworks of the countries of the region,

**Supporting the efforts** of the European Union, the United Nations, the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit), and other international organizations in strengthening regional cooperation among Central Asian countries in the field of disaster risk reduction, enhancing urban resilience in disaster risk management and to the adverse impacts of climate change, and providing international humanitarian assistance in emergency situations, guided by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and the priorities and principles of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030,

**Highly appreciating** the contribution of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Food Programme (WFP), the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit), and other international organizations to the strengthening of regional cooperation among Central Asian countries,

**With a view to taking** further measures to develop and strengthen regional and international cooperation, to enhance the institutional foundations for the implementation of bilateral and multilateral intergovernmental agreements, to establish sustainable mechanisms for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, to strengthen preparedness for response to potential emergency situations, including those of a transboundary nature, and to establish multi-hazard early warning and mutual information-sharing systems with adequate institutional, financial, and human capacities,

1. **Decided** to consider the Action Plan (Roadmap) for the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction for 2023–2024 as completed.
2. **Approved** the Action Plan (Roadmap) for the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction for 2025–2026.
3. **Took note of the information presented:**
  - on the progress in the implementation of the Regulations on the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Emergency Response, taking into account the results of the Regional Report on International Disaster Response Law (IDRL) prepared with the support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC);
  - on further measures for the establishment of a Regional Early Warning and Mutual Information-Sharing System on the threat and occurrence of emergency situations, including relevant initiatives to support regional and national efforts to strengthen early warning systems;
  - on measures taken in follow-up to the Appeal of the Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. António Guterres, regarding the establishment of a Regional Early Warning and Mutual Information-Sharing System for transboundary emergency situations;
  - on further measures for the establishment of a Digital Atlas of Transboundary Hazards of Central Asian countries, taking into account the experience gained in developing the National GIS-based Emergency Management System of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
  - on measures for the implementation of regional programmes and projects in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency management;
  - on proposals submitted by the emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries regarding innovative areas of activity in the field of disaster risk reduction.
4. **Authorized** the Director of the Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction Center (CESDRR) to present, at the European and Central Asian Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Montenegro in November 2024, the key achievements in the Central Asia region, as well as the joint measures and efforts aimed at strengthening regional and international cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, demonstrating the commitment of Central Asian countries to sustainable development and preparedness for response to transboundary emergency situations.
5. **Proposed** that the Tajik side consider hosting the next Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries in 2025 in the Republic of Tajikistan, and to inform the Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries of the decision taken by 15 November 2024.
6. **We express our gratitude and appreciation,**

to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan for its warm hospitality, as well as for the organization and hosting of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries,

to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) for the expert, technical, and financial support provided in the preparation and conduct of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian

countries, within the framework of joint projects implemented with the Governments of Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and Japan.

**For the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan**

**For the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic**

**For the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defence under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan**

**For the Ministry of Defence of Turkmenistan**

**For the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

## ACTIVITY 21

### WORKING GROUP MEETING OF THE REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES

16 October 2025, Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan

## FINAL DOCUMENT - PROTOCOL

**The Working Group (Experts) of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, with the participation of experts from the Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction Center, as well as international and non-governmental organizations,**

**Reviewed, discussed, agreed upon, and proposed for submission to the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, to be held in 2025 in the Republic of Tajikistan, the following:**

- 1) On the progress in the implementation of the Roadmap for the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among Central Asian countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction for 2024-2025, and plans for 2026-2027.
- 2) On the progress in the implementation of the United Nations initiative “Early Warnings for All”, aimed at reducing the vulnerability of Central Asian countries to climate change through the enhancement of early warning systems and the strengthening of resilience to hazardous natural and climate-related risks.
- 3) On measures to enhance the resilience of cities to climate risks in Central Asia within the framework of the UNDP Regional Project “Enhancing Urban Resilience to Disaster and Climate Risks in Central Asia” and the global initiative “Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030)”.

*Annex:*

- Protocol of Intent of the emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries on enhancing urban resilience to climate risks.
- 4) On measures to strengthen capacity for the safe management of transboundary water resources in Central Asia within the framework of the GIZ Regional Programme “Climate Risk Management in Central Asia”.

*Annexes:*

- Draft Protocol of Intent on improving the mechanism for mutual information-sharing on the threat or occurrence of transboundary emergency situations among the emergency management authorities of Central Asian countries;
- Draft Concept for the establishment of a regional early warning system for hydrological disasters, the impacts of which may extend to the territories of other countries;

- Draft Roadmap for the establishment of a regional early warning system for hydrological disasters, the impacts of which may extend to the territories of other countries.
- 5) On the progress in the implementation of regional programmes and projects aimed at strengthening the capacities of Central Asian countries in the fields of disaster risk reduction, emergency management, and climate change.
  - 6) On measures to further strengthen capacity for the safe management of transboundary water resources in Central Asia within the framework of the GIZ Regional Programme “Climate Risk Management in Central Asia”.
  - 7) On the organization of the Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries in 2026.
  - 8) On the draft Protocol of the Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, as well as draft memoranda and protocols of intent.

**To consider the possibility of:**

- 1) Developing measures for the establishment of a Regional Central Asian Centre for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance in the event of large-scale or transboundary emergency situations;
- 2) Using the facilities of the National Rescue Training Centre of the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defence under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan for the organization of regional training exercises for rescue personnel.

**Head of the Main Directorate for the Protection of Population and Territory  
of the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defence  
under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan**

**Chair of the Working Group (Experts) Meeting  
of the Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities  
of Central Asian countries**

**Jamshid Jamol Kamolzoda**

**ACTIVITY 22**

**REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES  
OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES**

16 October 2025, Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan

**FINAL DOCUMENT - PROTOCOL**

**PROTOCOL  
OF THE REGIONAL FORUM–MEETING  
OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES  
OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES**

17 October 2025

Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan

**We, the Heads of Delegations of the emergency management authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, participants in the Regional Forum–Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries,**

**Taking into account** the risks of large-scale and transboundary emergency situations, the consequences of which cannot always be addressed solely by the forces and assets of a single country,

**Acknowledging** that the strengthening of regional and international cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, climate change, and the prevention and mitigation of the consequences of emergency situations will contribute to enhancing resilience, improving the well-being of populations, and strengthening the security of Central Asian countries,

**Supporting** the efforts of the United Nations and other international organizations in the field of disaster risk reduction, climate change, and the provision of international assistance in emergency situations, guided by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and the priorities and principles of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030,

**Intending to continue the implementation of the previously adopted outcome documents, namely:**

- the Regional Ministerial Conference of Central Asian countries on Emergency Prevention and Response, held on 24-25 November 2015 in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan (Ashgabat Declaration);
- the Regional Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries on Disaster Risk Reduction, held on 31 March 2017 in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan (Dushanbe Declaration);
- the Regional Forum-Meetings of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, held in 2018 in the Republic of Kazakhstan, 2019 in the Kyrgyz Republic, 2021 in the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2022 in the Republic of Tajikistan, 2023 in the Republic of Kazakhstan, and 2024 in the Kyrgyz Republic,

**With a view to ensuring coordination, alignment of actions, and decision-making with regard to:**

- strengthening regional cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, climate change, and emergency management, and the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction up to 2030;
- reducing the vulnerability of Central Asian countries to disaster and climate risks through the enhancement of early warning systems and the strengthening of resilience to hazardous natural and climate-related risks, within the framework of the United Nations global initiative “Early Warnings for All”;
- enhancing the resilience of pilot major cities in Central Asian countries to disaster and climate risks, within the framework of the UNDP Regional Project “Enhancing Urban Resilience to Disaster and Climate Risks in Central Asia” and the United Nations global initiative “Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030)”;
- improving mechanisms, rules, and procedures for mutual exchange of hydrometeorological information on the threat or occurrence of transboundary emergency situations, within the framework of the GIZ Regional Programme “Climate Risk Management in Central Asia”,

**Approved:**

1. Protocol of Intent on Enhancing the Resilience of Cities of Central Asian countries to disaster risks and climate change.
2. Protocol of Intent on Improving Early Warning Systems and Information-Sharing Mechanisms on the threat or occurrence of emergency situations.
3. Concept for the Establishment of a Regional Early Warning System for Hydrological Disasters in pilot transboundary river basins of Central Asian countries.
4. Roadmap for the Establishment of a Regional Early Warning System for Hydrological Disasters in pilot transboundary river basins of Central Asian countries.

**Decided as follows:**

1. To support the initiatives of the UNECE on digital monitoring and strengthening the safety of small dams in Central Asia based on GIS technologies (RS/GIS), as well as on the development of a Joint Emergency Action Plan for the Syr Darya River Basin.
2. To consider the possibility of using the facilities of the National Rescue Training Centre of the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defence under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan for the organization of regional training exercises for rescue personnel.
3. To develop measures for the establishment of a Regional Central Asian Centre for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance in the event of large-scale or transboundary emergency situations.
4. To take note of the information presented and to provide full support and assistance in the implementation of the following regional initiatives, programmes, and projects in the field of:
  - development of disaster risk profiles of pilot cities in Central Asian countries and the integration of disaster risk reduction and climate change measures into the socio-economic development plans of the cities of Petropavlovsk (Republic of Kazakhstan), Osh (Kyrgyz Republic), Dushanbe (Republic of Tajikistan), Ashgabat (Turkmenistan), and Namangan (Republic of Uzbekistan);
  - strengthening cooperation, improving financing, and mobilizing investments to enhance early warning systems at the national and regional levels, as reflected in the recommendations of the Regional Partners' Meeting on Strengthening Early Warning Systems and the implementation of the "Early Warnings for All" (EW4All) initiative in Central Asia;
  - climate risk assessments conducted by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan;
  - establishment of a monitoring and information system for the implementation of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy and the strengthening of the capacity of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Tajikistan, within the framework of the UNDRR and Government of Switzerland project "Enhancing Disaster and Climate Resilience in Tajikistan", as a good practice for replication in other Central Asian countries;
  - improvement of the regulatory and legal framework for disaster risk management in Tajikistan in accordance with the requirements of International Disaster Response Law (IDRL);
  - further refinement of the draft articles on the "Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters", based on recommendations prepared by the IFRC;
  - strengthening institutional capacity for disaster and crisis preparedness and response in Central Asia, based on partnerships between the IFRC, the Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction Center (CESDRR), and the National Red Crescent Societies of Central Asian countries;
  - development of regional cooperation in disaster risk reduction and climate resilience, implemented by the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Government of Switzerland, including the promotion of effective disaster risk reduction approaches, inter alia through enhanced cooperation between the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defence under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan;
  - enhancement of water and energy security, climate resilience, and economic development within the framework of the World Bank Central Asia Water and Energy Program (CAWEP).
5. To mandate the Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction Center (CESDRR), in its capacity as the Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, to:
  - coordinate activities for the implementation of the UNDP Regional Project "Enhancing Urban Resilience to Disaster and Climate Risks in Central Asia", including measures to establish a "Coalition of Resilient Cities of Central Asian countries";
  - implement measures for the establishment of a regional early warning system in pilot transboundary river basins of Central Asian countries, within the framework of the GIZ Regional Programme "Climate Risk Management in Central Asia (CRM CA)";



- coordinate measures for the establishment of a regional early warning system for hydrological disasters in pilot transboundary river basins, based on the Roadmap approved by this Protocol, as well as through the initiation, development, promotion, and implementation of joint programmes and projects, with technical and financial support from donor agencies, international and non-governmental organizations, scientific and research institutions, and the private sector.
6. To propose that the Turkmen side consider hosting the next Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries in 2026 in Turkmenistan, and to inform the Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries of the decision taken by 30 November 2025.

**We express our gratitude and appreciation,**

to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan for its warm hospitality, as well as for the organization and hosting of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries,

to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) for the expert, technical, and financial support provided in the preparation and conduct of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of Central Asian countries, within the framework of joint projects implemented with the Governments of Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and Japan.

**For the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan**

**For the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic**

**For the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defence under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan**

**For the Ministry of Defence of Turkmenistan**

**For the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Uzbekistan**