

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

12 July 2019

Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

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 the Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of the 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 emergencies, as well as heightened human vulnerability to natural and technological hazards, which are exacerbated by emerging challenges, including climate change,

Taking into account the existence of risks of emergencies that cannot always be addressed solely by the capacities and resources of a single country,

Acknowledging that strengthening regional and international cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, prevention and emergency response will contribute to enhanced resilience, improved well-being and strengthened security of the 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 global Sustainable Development Goals up to 2030 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 strengthening regional cooperation among the 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, improve the institutional foundations for the implementation of bilateral and multilateral inter-State and intergovernmental international treaties (agreements) that have entered into force, establish sustainable mechanisms for disaster risk reduction, and enhance preparedness for response to potential emergencies,

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 fields of civil protection/civil defence, disaster risk reduction, and emergency prevention and response.
3. The Regulations on the Regional Register of Forces and Assets of the Central Asian countries for the conduct of search and rescue operations on their territories in the event of emergencies.
4. The Action Plan (Road Map) for the implementation of the Framework for Strengthening Regional Cooperation among the Central Asian countries in the field of disaster risk reduction, prevention and emergency response for the period 2019-2021.

DECIDED:

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 the Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of the 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:

- the emergency management authorities of the Central Asian countries shall, by 1 September 2019, submit to the Secretariat of the Regional Forum nominations of expert specialists for inclusion in the membership of the Regional Scientific and Technical Council on Emergency Situations;
- the Secretariat of the Regional Forum shall provide organizational and technical support for the activities of the Regional 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 Regional Scientific and Technical Council on Emergency Situations in November 2019.

2. To establish a Regional Register of Experts in the fields of civil protection/civil defence, disaster risk reduction, and the prevention of and response to emergency situations.

For this purpose, the Secretariat of the Regional Forum shall organize the necessary work to establish 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 prevention and response.

3. To establish a Regional Register of Forces and Assets of the Central Asian countries for the conduct of search and rescue operations on their territories in the event of emergencies.

For this purpose, the emergency management authorities of the Central Asian countries shall, by 1 November 2019, submit to the Secretariat of the Regional Forum a list of national permanent-readiness search and rescue units to be included in the Regional Register of Forces and Assets of the Central Asian countries for the conduct of search and rescue operations on their territories in the event of emergencies, in accordance with Annex I.

4. To request 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 the Central Asian countries.

5. To approve the Action Plan (Road Map) for the implementation of the Framework for Strengthening Regional Cooperation among the Central Asian countries in the field of disaster risk reduction, prevention and emergency response for the period 2019-2021.

6. To consider the organization of the next Regional Forum—Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of the Central Asian countries in 2020 (or 2021) in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

7. To encourage the emergency management authorities of the Central Asian countries to provide support and assistance in 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 and for the organization and conduct of the Regional Forum-Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of the Central Asian countries;

to the Government of Japan, the United Nations Development Programme, and the World Bank for the technical and financial support provided to activities aimed at strengthening regional cooperation among the emergency management authorities of the Central Asian countries in the field of disaster risk reduction, 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**