

PROTOCOL

OF THE REGIONAL FORUM-MEETING OF HEADS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCIES OF THE CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES

6 October 2022

Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan

We, the Heads of Delegations of the emergency management agencies 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 Agencies of the Central Asian Countries,

Recognizing that the countries of the region are currently facing challenges related to the increasing adverse impacts of disasters, accidents and catastrophes, and the growing vulnerability of people to natural and technological hazards, which are exacerbated by the emergence of new challenges, including climate change and biological and social disasters,

Taking into account the risk of large-scale and transboundary emergencies, the consequences of which cannot always be addressed solely by the forces and resources of one country,

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

Supporting the efforts of the United Nations and other international organizations in the fields of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation 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,

Supporting the call of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, delivered 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 that all people are covered by early warning systems and mutual information-sharing on the threat of emergencies,

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 strengthening regional cooperation among the Central Asian countries,

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 intergovernmental agreements, establish sustainable mechanisms for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, enhance preparedness for responding to potential emergencies, including those of a transboundary nature, and develop multi-hazard early warning

and mutual information systems supported by adequate institutional, financial and human capacities,

Approved:

1. The Action Plan (Road Map) for the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among the Central Asian countries in the field of disaster risk reduction for 2023-2024.
2. The Regulations on the Regional Early Warning and Mutual Information System on the threat and occurrence of emergencies.
3. The Protocol of Intent regarding 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 the Central Asian countries (ICT, UAVs, GIS, mapping, etc.).

Decided:

1. To take note of the information presented:
 - on the progress achieved in 2022 in implementing the Action Plan (Road Map) under the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation among the Central Asian countries in the field of disaster risk reduction;
 - on the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Central Asian countries for the period 2015-2022.
2. To establish a Technical Working Group (TWG), composed of delegated expert specialists from the Central Asian countries, on the establishment of the Regional Early Warning and Mutual Information System on the threat and occurrence of emergencies, by 10 December 2022.
3. To provide comprehensive support for the implementation of the following regional initiatives, programmes and projects in the areas 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”, aimed at continuing cooperation in the area of regional disaster risk assessment and understanding its application in disaster risk reduction, as well as advancing dialogue on social protection and disaster risk financing;
 - the UNDRR project on the establishment of the INFORM subnational disaster risk assessment model for the countries of Central Asia and the Caucasus;

- projects of the International Civil Defence Organization (ICDO) to strengthen the capacity of diving and canine services of the emergency agencies of the 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 Centre of the National Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan to attract grant funding for the implementation of a regional early warning system for glacial lake outburst floods and surging glaciers;

- measures to enhance scientific capacity in the implementation of the UNDRR/EU initiatives and the World Bank/EU programme at the national and regional levels through the application of scientific findings and analytical publications of academic institutions;

- programmes and plans aimed at consolidating the efforts of the Central Asian countries in training highly qualified specialists in the field of seismic and other natural risk reduction;

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

- the initiative of the Ministry for Emergency Situations of the Republic of Kazakhstan and LLP “12NIK” to attract grant funding for the implementation of a regional earthquake early warning system and interstate exchange of seismic information in the Central Asian countries.

4. To propose that the Turkmen side consider the possibility of hosting the next Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Agencies of the Central Asian countries in 2023 in the city of Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, and to inform the Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Agencies of the 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, and for the organization and conduct of the Regional Forum-Meeting of Heads of Emergency Management Agencies of the 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 the emergency management agencies of the Central Asian countries in the areas of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, emergency prevention and 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**