

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

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Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan

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, 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 application 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 German Agency for International Cooperation (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,

Taking note of 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 German Agency for International Cooperation (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,

The participants 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**