

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

15 August 2024

Cholpon-Ata, 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 countries of the region continue to face challenges related to the increasing 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, disasters of biological and social origin, and others,

Taking into account the vulnerability of the Central Asian region to the impacts of climate change, the existence of risks of large-scale and transboundary emergencies, the consequences of which cannot always be addressed solely by the capacities and resources of a single country, and the need to introduce modern disaster risk management approaches through the application of innovative technologies,

Acknowledging that strengthening 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 the countries of Central Asia,

Guided by the transition from awareness of exposure to transboundary risks towards the readiness of the heads of emergency management authorities of the Central Asian countries to undertake practical actions aimed at establishing sustainable mechanisms for regional cooperation in the areas of prevention, preparedness, response and recovery from transboundary emergencies, as well as integrating post-disaster 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 Society for International Cooperation (GIZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) and other international organizations to strengthen regional cooperation among the countries of Central Asia in the field of disaster risk reduction, enhance urban resilience in disaster and climate risk management, and provide international humanitarian assistance in emergency situations, guided by the global Sustainable Development Goals up to 2030, 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 Society for International Cooperation (GIZ - Deutsche

Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) and other international organizations to strengthening regional cooperation among the countries of Central Asia,

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 response to potential emergencies, including those of a transboundary nature, and develop multi-hazard early warning and mutual information-sharing systems on the threat and occurrence of emergencies, supported by adequate institutional, financial and human capacities,

1. Decided to consider 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 as completed;

2. Approved the Plan of Practical Measures (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 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 findings of the Regional Report on International Disaster Response Law (IDRL), developed with the support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC);
- on further measures to establish a Regional Early Warning and Mutual Information-Sharing System on the threat and occurrence of emergencies, including relevant initiatives to support regional and national efforts to strengthen early warning systems;
- on measures undertaken in response to the Appeal of the Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of the Central Asian countries to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres, regarding the establishment of a Regional Early Warning and Mutual Information-Sharing System for transboundary emergencies;
- on further measures to develop a Digital Atlas of Transboundary Hazards of the Central Asian countries, taking into account the experience of establishing the National GIS 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 the Central Asian countries on innovative areas of activity in the field of disaster risk reduction;

4. Authorized the Director of the Centre for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (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 Asian region and joint actions and efforts aimed at strengthening regional and international cooperation in disaster risk reduction, demonstrating the commitment of the Central Asian countries to sustainable development and preparedness for response to transboundary emergencies;

5. Proposed that the Tajik side consider hosting the next Regional Forum-Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of the Central Asian countries in 2025 in the Republic of Tajikistan and inform the Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of the Central Asian countries of its decision by 15 November 2024.

6. We express our gratitude and appreciation,

to the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic for its hospitality and for the high level of organization and conduct of the Regional Forum-Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Management Authorities of the Central Asian countries,

to the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Food Programme (WFP), and the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) for their continued support to activities aimed at strengthening regional cooperation among the emergency management authorities of the Central Asian countries in the fields of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, enhanced preparedness, 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**