



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

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Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan

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

Taking into account the risks of large-scale and transboundary emergencies, the consequences of which cannot always be addressed solely by the resources and capacities of a single country,

Recognizing that strengthening regional and international cooperation in disaster risk reduction, climate change, and the prevention and response to emergencies will contribute to enhanced resilience, improved well-being of the population, and strengthened security of Central Asian countries,

Supporting the efforts of the United Nations and other international organizations in the areas of disaster risk reduction, climate change, and the provision of international assistance in emergency situations, and guided by the global Sustainable Development Goals up to 2030, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, as well as the priorities and principles of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030,

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

- 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 Authorities of Central Asian countries on disaster risk reduction, held on 31 March 2017 in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan (Dushanbe Declaration);
- The Regional Forums – Meetings of Heads of Emergency 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;

For the purpose of coordination, alignment of actions, and decision-making on:

- Strengthening regional cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, climate change, and emergency management, as well as the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction up to 2030,

- Reducing the vulnerability of Central Asian countries to disaster risks and climate change by improving early warning systems and enhancing resilience to natural and climate-related hazards, within the framework of the UN global initiative “Early Warning Systems for All”;
- Strengthening the resilience of pilot major cities in Central Asian countries to disaster risks and climate change, within the framework of the UNDP regional project “Enhancing Urban Resilience to Disaster and Climate Risks in Central Asia” and the UN global initiative “Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030)”;
- Improving mechanisms, rules, and procedures for the mutual exchange of hydrometeorological information on threats or occurrences of transboundary emergencies within the framework of the GIZ regional program “Climate Risk Management in Central Asia”,

Approved:

1. The Protocol of Intent on enhancing the resilience of cities in Central Asian countries to disaster risks and climate change;
2. The Protocol of Intent on improving early warning systems and mechanisms for information exchange on threats or occurrences of emergencies;
3. The Concept for the Establishment of a Regional Early Warning System for Hydrological Hazards in pilot transboundary river basins of Central Asian countries;
4. The Roadmap for the establishment of a regional early warning system for hydrological hazards in pilot transboundary river basins of Central Asian countries.

Decided:

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 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 Training Center for Rescuers of the CES & CD RT for conducting regional training exercises for rescue personnel;
3. To develop measures for the establishment of a Regional Central Asian Center for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance in the event of large-scale or transboundary emergencies;
4. To take note of the information presented and provide full support for the implementation of the following regional initiatives, programs, and projects in the areas of:

Development of risk profiles for pilot cities in Central Asian countries and 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 attracting investment to enhance early warning systems at both national and regional levels, as outlined in the recommendations of the Regional Partner Meeting on strengthening early warning systems and implementing the “Early Warnings for All” (EW4All) initiative in Central Asia;
- Assessment of climate risks 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 Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction and strengthening the capacity of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Tajikistan, within the framework of the joint project of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Government of Switzerland “Strengthening Resilience to Disasters and Climate Change in Tajikistan,” as a best practice for replication in other Central Asian countries;
 - Improvement of the regulatory and legal framework on disaster risk management in Tajikistan in accordance with the requirements of the International Disaster Response Law; (IDRL);
 - Improvements to the draft articles “On the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters,” based on recommendations prepared by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
 - Strengthening institutional capacity for disaster and crisis preparedness to ensure effective response in Central Asia, based on partnerships between the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction, 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 and the Government of Switzerland, aimed at introducing effective approaches to disaster risk reduction, including those based on strengthening cooperation between the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense 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’s Central Asia Water and Energy Program (CAWEP).
- To entrust the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction—the Secretariat of the Regional Forum—the Meeting of Heads of Emergency Agencies of Central Asian Countries with the following:
- Coordinate activities for the implementation of the UNDP Regional Project “Enhancing Urban Resilience to Disaster Risks and Climate Change in Central Asia,” including measures to establish the “Coalition of Resilient Cities of Central Asia”;
 - Implement measures to establish a regional early warning system in pilot transboundary river basins of Central Asian countries, within the framework of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit Regional Programme “Climate Risk Management in Central Asia (CRM CA)”;
 - Coordinate efforts to establish a regional early warning system for hydrological hazards in pilot transboundary river basins of Central Asian countries, based on the implementation of 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 the possibility of hosting the next Regional Forum – Meeting of Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries in 2026 in Turkmenistan, and to inform the Secretariat of the Regional Forum – Meeting of Heads of Emergency 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, and for organizing and hosting the Regional Forum – Meeting of Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries;

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) for their expert, technical, and financial support in the preparation and conduct of the Regional Forum – Meeting of Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries, within the framework of joint projects with the Governments of Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and Japan.

For the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Kazakhstan

For the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic

For the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense 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

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