PROTOCOL

of Intentions on Strengthening Regional Cooperation in the Field of Enhancing the Resilience of Cities to Disaster Risks and Climate Change

City of Tashkent dated October 19, 2026

The Akimat of the City of Petropavlovsk of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Mayor's Offices of the cities of Bishkek, Osh and Manas of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Executive Bodies of State Power of the cities of Dushanbe and Isfara of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Hyakimlik of the City of Ashgabat of Turkmenistan, the Hokimiyats of the cities of Namangan, Fergana and Kokand of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

recognizing that modern cities of Central Asia,

are the main centers – drivers of economic growth, play a key role in sustainable development and in ensuring comfortable and safe living conditions for the population, concentrating industry, education, the services sector, financial resources, innovation and human capital,

are subject to trends of rapid urbanization, a sharp increase in population size and density, and growing pressure on critically important infrastructure facilities,

face serious challenges in reducing vulnerability to destructive earthquakes and other disasters of a natural, man-made, environmental and biological-social nature, and to the negative consequences of climate change,

experience difficulties in ensuring the inclusiveness, safety, livability and resilience of cities to disaster risks and climate change, directly related to the rapid growth of the urban population, aging infrastructure, extreme weather events, environmental pollution, ecosystem degradation, water resource scarcity, and the emergence of new challenges and risk factors that hinder sustainable development,

with the aim of developing and strengthening regional cooperation and global partnership, and consolidating joint actions and efforts to ensure the safety, inclusiveness, livability and resilience of cities to disaster risks and climate change,

have expressed their intentions as follows,

Clause 1

The Parties expressed their support for the initiatives of the UN and other international organizations – development partners in the field of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, which contribute to the achievement of the global Sustainable Development Goals, the targets of the Paris Climate Agreement, and the priorities and principles of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Clause 2

The Parties reached an agreement and expressed their voluntary intention to consolidate joint actions and efforts on enhancing the resilience of cities to disaster risks and climate change, within the framework of and as full-fledged participants of the *"Coalition of Resilient Cities of Central Asian Countries,"* established in 2025, acting on the basis of compliance with national legislation and international treaties, and the principles of voluntariness, equality and mutual respect, without prejudice to the rights and interests of any of the Parties.

Clause 3

The Parties, in order to strengthen regional cooperation and global partnership, expressed a common aspiration to develop a regional mechanism of cooperation and interaction on enhancing the resilience of the cities of Central Asia to disaster risks and climate change, by granting:

1) to the City of Astana *(which received the "Certificate of Recognition" and became the first resilience hub in Central Asia within the global initiative "Making Cities Resilient 2030")* the status of a regional platform for the exchange of knowledge, best practices, experience of innovative solutions and technologies between cities;

2) to the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction the status of a regional center for coordinating and supporting cities in the field of enhancing their resilience to disaster risks and climate change, within the framework of the *"Coalition of Resilient Cities of Central Asian Countries."*

Clause 4

The Parties expressed their intention to achieve, by 2030, significant progress in enhancing the resilience of cities to disaster risks and the consequences of climate change through the integration of climate change adaptation measures into socio-economic development programs and plans and urban planning processes, including through the implementation of the *"Regional Concept for Enhancing the Resilience of Cities of the Central Asian States to Disaster Risks and Climate Change until 2030."*

Clause 5

The Parties expressed their intention to provide support and assistance in the implementation of the global UN initiative *"Making Cities Resilient 2030,"* the UNDP regional projects *"Enhancing the Resilience of Cities to Natural Disasters and Climate Change in Central Asia"* and *"Strengthening the Disaster Risk Reduction System in the Central Asia Region,"* funded by the Government of Japan, the GIZ regional project *"Sustainable and Climate-Oriented Urban Development in Central Asia,"* and other initiatives, programs and projects aimed at enhancing the resilience of the cities of Central Asian countries.

Clause 6

The Parties, within the limits of the functions, powers and competencies vested in them by national legislation, with the technical and financial support of development partners, within the framework of the implementation of initiatives, programs and projects, reached an agreement and expressed their intention to cooperate in the following key areas:

a) creating and strengthening regional, national and local mechanisms for managing disaster risks and climate threats, and integrating disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation measures into municipal policy, strategies, programs and plans of socio-economic development;

b) developing green and nature-based infrastructure, reducing vulnerability to the negative consequences of natural disasters and climate change, and the rational use of natural resources;

c) conducting a comprehensive assessment of natural, man-made and climate risks, developing risk profiles, creating and improving geoinformation systems and information databases, and developing and introducing comprehensive systems of monitoring, forecasting and risk mapping, using innovative information and communication technologies such as artificial intelligence;

d) constructing and modernizing infrastructure facilities taking into account natural, man-made, environmental and climate risks, enhancing the resilience of transport, energy, water supply and social infrastructure, and introducing standards of sustainable urban development;

e) improving systems for control and supervision over the condition of potentially hazardous facilities and the environment, expanding the network of observation and laboratory control,

meteorological, hydrological, seismic and other stations, automated observation posts and early warning systems;

f) enhancing the resilience of critically important infrastructure *(hospitals, schools, kindergartens, the housing sector, social facilities and life-support facilities)*;

g) introducing modern systems and innovative technologies for early warning, prompt notification and emergency alerting, and developing civil defense plans and plans for preparedness and action under the threat and occurrence of emergencies;

h) enhancing the capacity of management bodies, city services, forces and means for disaster risk reduction, as well as readiness to respond to emergencies, eliminate their consequences and carry out recovery work, and training and upgrading the qualifications of specialists;

i) developing a culture of public safety, improving public training in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation measures and in actions under the threat and occurrence of emergencies, and building the knowledge, skills and practical abilities necessary to save life and health;

j) expanding the inclusiveness and mandatory participation of the population in urban planning and decision-making, taking into account gender aspects and the age, social and other characteristics of different population groups;

k) expanding regional interaction and global partnership, and consolidating joint actions and efforts, including within the framework of forming national networks of intercity cooperation of partner cities and twin cities, the *"Coalition of Resilient Cities of Central Asian Countries,"* the global initiative *"Making Cities Resilient 2030,"* "Smart Cities" and others;

l) deepening cooperation with international and non-governmental organizations, and scientific research and educational institutions;

m) exchanging knowledge, best practices, innovative solutions and technologies, and international experience;

n) attracting public, private and international investment, and initiating, developing and implementing programs and projects;

o) introducing mechanisms of financial protection and insurance against disaster risks of a natural and climatic nature, developing and introducing economic and social incentives, and providing technical and financial support to the population, organizations and the business sector investing in enhancing the resilience of the city.

Clause 7

The Parties reached an agreement that this Protocol is not an international treaty and does not create for the Parties and their states obligations governed by international law.

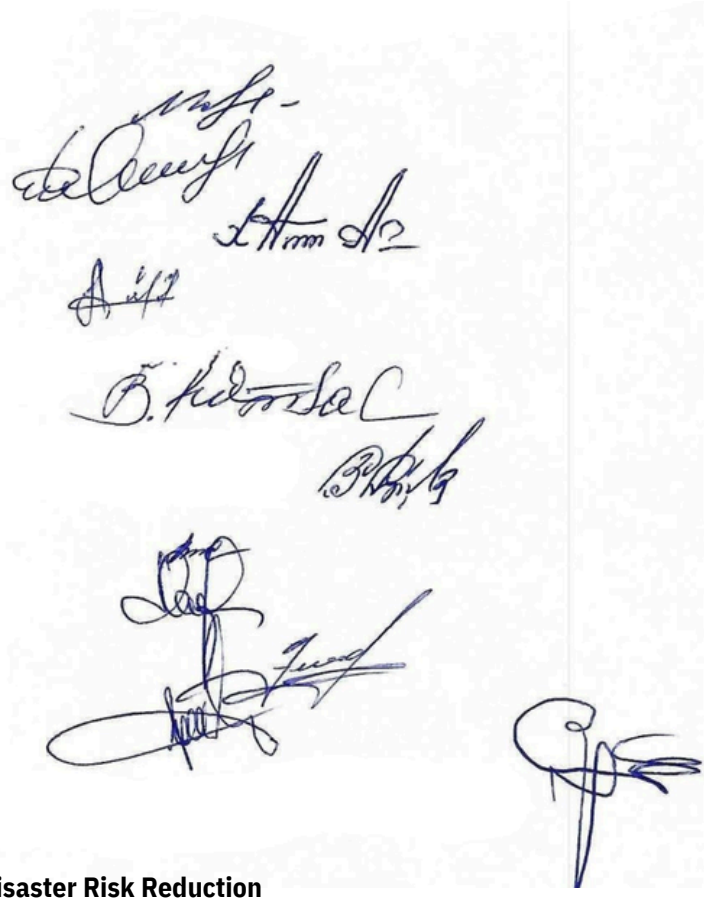
Clause 8

The Parties reached an agreement that:

a) this Protocol shall enter into force from the date of its signing by the respective heads of delegations of the Parties, in one original copy in the Russian language;

b) the original copy of the Protocol shall be kept at the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction – the Secretariat of the Regional Forum – Meeting of Heads of Emergency Agencies of Central Asian Countries, which shall send its certified copy to the Parties.

Signatures of the Parties:



1. **For the Akimat of the City of Petropavlovsk**
2. **For the Mayor's Office of the City of Bishkek**
3. **For the Mayor's Office of the City of Osh**
4. **For the Mayor's Office of the City of Manas**
5. **For the Executive Body of State Power of the City of Dushanbe**
6. **For the Executive Body of State Power of the City of Isfara**
7. **For the Hyakimlik of the City of Ashgabat**
8. **For the Hokimiyat of the City of Namangan**
9. **For the Hokimiyat of the City of Fergana**
10. **For the Hokimiyat of the City of Kokand**
11. **For the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction**