

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

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We, the heads of delegations of the emergency agencies 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 Agencies of Central Asian Countries,

taking into account that the populations and territories of the Central Asian states, as elsewhere in the world, face serious challenges of increasing exposure and vulnerability to risks of natural, man-made, environmental and climatic disasters resulting from the growing scale of anthropogenic impact on the environment and the emergence of new challenges and risk factors that hinder sustainable development,

taking into consideration the possibility of large-scale and transboundary emergencies, the consequences of which cannot always be eliminated by the forces and means of a single country,

recognizing the importance of developing and strengthening regional interaction, international cooperation and global partnership, of pooling efforts, and of undertaking joint coordinated actions in the field of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and the prevention and elimination of emergencies,

supporting the efforts of the UN and other international organizations in the field of disaster risk reduction, climate change, and the provision of international assistance in the event of large-scale and transboundary emergencies, proceeding from the global Sustainable Development Goals until 2030, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and the priorities and principles of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030,

Intending to continue taking measures to implement the previously adopted outcome documents:

- of the Regional Ministerial Conference of Central Asian Countries on Emergency Prevention and Response, November 24–25, 2015, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan *(Ashgabat Declaration)*,
- of the Regional Meeting of Heads of Emergency Agencies of Central Asian Countries on Disaster Risk Reduction, March 31, 2017, Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan *(Dushanbe Declaration)*,
- of the Regional Forums – Meetings of Heads of Emergency Agencies of Central Asian Countries: 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, 2024 in the Kyrgyz Republic, 2025 in the Republic of Tajikistan,

In order to further develop and strengthen regional interaction, international cooperation and global partnership, pool efforts, and undertake joint coordinated actions in the field of:

- enhancing the resilience of cities to disaster risks and climate change;
- ensuring seismic safety, strengthening earthquake resilience, and integrating early warning systems;
- strengthening the capacity for safe management of transboundary water resources of Central Asia;
- mitigating the consequences of mudflows and floods of a transboundary nature;
- improving the regional mechanism of international response to large-scale and transboundary emergencies.

Approved:

1. The Regional Concept for Enhancing the Resilience of Cities of Central Asian Countries to Disaster Risks and Climate Change until 2030, including the roadmap for its implementation for 2027-2028;
2. The Regional Roadmap for Mitigating the Consequences of Mudflows and Floods of a Transboundary Nature, including the investment plan;
3. Proposals on improving the regional mechanism of international response to large-scale and transboundary emergencies;
4. The proposals of the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defense under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan to hold, on the basis of the training ground of the Republican Educational and Methodological Center of the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defense under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, regional advanced training courses, master trainings, competitions, drills and exercises for specialists and rescuers of the emergency agencies of Central Asian countries, and also to consider in 2027 the issue of granting this Center the status of a base organization for the training and retraining of rescuers for the emergency agencies of Central Asian countries.

Decided:

1. To take note of the information presented, approve the results achieved, and provide practical assistance in the further implementation of:
   - the UNDP regional project “Strengthening the Regional Natural Disaster Risk Reduction System in Central Asia,” funded by the Government of Japan;
   - the UNDP regional project “Enhancing the Resilience of Cities to Natural Disasters and Climate Change in Central Asia,” funded by the Government of Japan;
   - the GIZ regional program “Climate Risk Management in Central Asia,” which includes the regional project “Strengthening the Capacity for Safe Management of Transboundary Water Resources of Central Asia through the Application of Innovative Information and Communication Technologies”;
   - the GIZ regional project “Sustainable and Climate-Oriented Urban Development in Central Asia”;
   - the IFRC project on improving the mechanism of international response to large-scale emergencies on the basis of compliance with universally recognized norms and principles of international law, and the rules, principles and procedures of international and humanitarian assistance;
   - the World Bank regional program “Restoring Resilient Landscapes in Central Asia (RESILAND CA+),” implemented by the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC);
   - the WFP regional project “Climate Risk Management in Tajikistan,” funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC);
   - joint activities with the emergency agencies of Central Asian countries and international partners to conduct a review of the implementation of the “Strategy for the Development of Cooperation of Central Asian Countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction for 2022–2030,” as well as to prepare for participation in the European and Central Asian Regional Platform for DRR in 2027, as set out in the proposals of the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR);
   - activities to develop a Joint Emergency Action Plan in the Syr Darya River basin on the basis of regional cooperation and taking into account the previous work carried out with the support of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE);
   - activities to strengthen regional cooperation in the field of dam safety in Central Asia by developing cross-sectoral interaction between emergency agencies and water management authorities, through capacity building, joint monitoring, risk assessment and early warning, with the support of the UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes *(Water Convention)*.
2. To instruct 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 to coordinate activities for the implementation of regional initiatives, programs and projects aimed at:
   - enhancing the resilience of cities to disaster risks and climate change, strengthening interaction and cooperation, consolidating actions and expanding partnership between the cities of Central Asian countries within the framework of the “Coalition of Resilient Cities”;

- ensuring seismic safety, strengthening earthquake resilience, integrating early warning systems, and strengthening scientific, technical and practical cooperation between the national seismological services/institutes of Central Asian countries;
- strengthening the capacity for safe management of transboundary water resources of Central Asia through the application of innovative information and communication technologies, and strengthening cooperation between the national hydrometeorological services of Central Asian countries;
- mitigating the consequences of mudflows and floods of a transboundary nature, based on attracting investment and strengthening interaction between the national authorities and the mudflow and flood protection services of Central Asian countries;
- improving the regional mechanism of international response to large-scale and transboundary emergencies;
- developing and improving the regional early warning system for hydrological disasters and mechanisms for exchanging information on hazardous hydrometeorological phenomena, through the establishment of a technical working group and the organization of its work, with the support of GIZ;
- implementing practical activities for the exchange of experience between the emergency agencies of Central Asian countries in the field of introducing systemic approaches to the monitoring and forecasting of hazardous natural processes and phenomena, and to their early warning and response, within the framework of a joint initiative of the UN World Food Programme and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation;
- enhancing the qualifications and strengthening the expert capacity of specialists of the emergency agencies of Central Asian countries by holding regional master trainings;
- conducting a review of the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Cooperation of Central Asian Countries in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction for 2022–2030 and the mechanisms for its implementation, including an analysis of the results achieved, identification of remaining gaps, and updating of measures for the next period;
- conducting a regional analysis of progress in implementing the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 in Central Asia, identifying the main achievements, remaining gaps and priorities, and using the results of this analysis in developing the region's common position on the post-2030 agenda;
- preparing and presenting a joint statement of the Central Asian countries at the Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction for Europe and Central Asia in May 2027, reflecting the common approach and priorities of cooperation of the countries of the region with the Platform participants, as well as the common position and strategic vision of the region regarding the agenda in the field of disaster risk reduction and sustainable development for the post-2030 period;
- enhancing the qualifications of specialists of the diving services of the emergency agencies of Central Asian countries through specialized master trainings and courses, with the support of the International Civil Defence Organisation (ICDO) and other development partners;
- expanding cooperation between the emergency agencies of Central Asian countries in terms of exchanging information and best practices in the field of industrial safety, seismic protection, elimination of accidental oil spills, mudflow protection, and the development of scientific research cooperation in the field of emergency prevention and the introduction of modern technologies.

3. To propose that the Kazakh side consider the possibility of holding the next Regional Forum – Meeting of Heads of Emergency Agencies of Central Asian Countries in 2027 in the Republic of Kazakhstan, and to inform the CESDRR – Secretariat of the Regional Forum – Meeting of Heads of Emergency Agencies of Central Asian Countries – of the decision taken by February 20, 2027.

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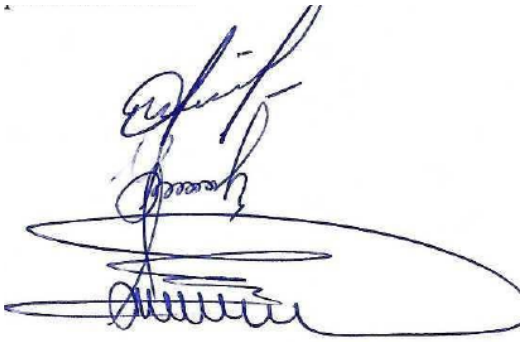
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of the Republic of Kazakhstan

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For the Committee for Emergency Situations
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For the Ministry of Defense of Turkmenistan

For the Ministry of Emergency Situations
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