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

Tashkent 19 October 2026

The Akimat 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 Authority of the cities of Dushanbe and Isfara of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Hakimlik of the city of Ashgabat of Turkmenistan, the Khokimiyats 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 the modern cities of Central Asia,

are major centers — drivers of economic growth — that play a key role in sustainable development and in ensuring a comfortable and safe life for the population, concentrating industry, education, the service 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 critical infrastructure facilities,

face serious challenges in reducing vulnerability to devastating earthquakes and other natural, technogenic, environmental and biological-social disasters, and to the adverse effects of climate change,

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and resilience of cities to disaster risks and climate change, directly related to rapid urban population growth, outdated infrastructure, extreme weather events, environmental pollution, ecosystem degradation, water resource scarcity, and the emergence of new challenges and risk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

have expressed their intent as follows,

Point 1

The Parties expressed support for the initiatives of the UN and other international development partner organizations in the area of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, contributing to the achievement of the global Sustainable Development Goals, the targets of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and the priorities and principles of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Point 2

The Parties reached agreement and expressed their voluntary intent to consolidate joint actions and efforts to enhance the resilience of cities to disaster risks and climate change, as full members of the *"Regional Urban Resilience Coalition in Central Asia"*, established in 2025, acting on the basis of compliance with national legislation and international treaties, and the principles of voluntarism, equality and mutual respect, without prejudice to the rights and interests of any of the Parties.

Point 3

The Parties, with a view to strengthening regional cooperation and global partnership, expressed their common aspiration and intent to develop the regional cooperation mechanism for enhancing the resilience of the cities of Central Asia to disaster risks and climate change, by granting:

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

2) the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction the status of a regional coordination and support center for cities in enhancing their resilience to disaster risks and climate change, within the framework of the *"Regional Urban Resilience Coalition in Central Asia"*.

Point 4

The Parties expressed their intent to achieve, by 2030, significant progress in enhancing the resilience of cities to disaster risks and the effects 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 the Cities of Central Asian States to Disaster Risks and Climate Change until 2030."*

Point 5

The Parties expressed their intent to provide support and assistance in implementing the UN global initiative *"Making Cities Resilient 2030,"* the UNDP regional projects *"Enhancing Urban Resilience to Disaster Risk and Climate Change in Central Asia"* and *"Strengthening the System for Region-wide Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia"* 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 the Central Asian countries.

Point 6

The Parties, within the functions, powers and competencies assigned to them by national legislation, and with the technical and financial support of development partners, in the course of implementing initiatives, programs and projects, reached agreement and expressed their intent to cooperate in the following key areas:

1) establishing 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 socio-economic development plans;

2) developing green and nature-based infrastructure, reducing vulnerability to the adverse effects of natural disasters and climate change, and the rational use of natural resources;
3) conducting comprehensive assessments of natural, technogenic and climate risks, developing risk profiles, creating and improving geoinformation systems and information databases, and developing and implementing integrated systems for monitoring, forecasting and mapping risks using innovative information and communication technologies such as artificial intelligence;
4) constructing and modernizing infrastructure facilities with due regard for natural, technogenic, environmental and climate risks, enhancing the resilience of transport, energy, water supply and social infrastructure, and introducing sustainable urban development standards;
5) improving systems for monitoring and oversight of the condition of potentially hazardous facilities and the environment, and expanding the network of observation and laboratory control, and of meteorological, hydrological, seismic and other stations, automated observation posts and early warning systems;
6) enhancing the resilience of critical infrastructure *(hospitals, schools, kindergartens, the housing sector, social facilities and life-support facilities)*;
7) introducing modern systems and innovative technologies for early warning, rapid alert and emergency notification, and developing civil protection plans, preparedness and response actions in the event of threats and emergencies;
8) building the capacity of governing bodies, city services, and forces and resources for disaster risk reduction, as well as preparedness for emergency response, mitigation of consequences and recovery efforts, and the training and upskilling of specialists;
9) developing a culture of public safety, improving public education on disaster risk reduction measures, climate change adaptation, and actions in the event of threats and emergencies, and building the

knowledge, skills and practical abilities necessary to preserve life and health;

10) 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;

11) Expanding regional cooperation and global partnerships and consolidating joint actions and efforts, including through the establishment of national networks for intercity cooperation among partner cities and sister cities, the " Regional Urban Resilience Coalition in Central Asia", the global initiative "Making Cities Resilient 2030", "Smart Cities", and others;

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

13) exchanging knowledge, good practices, innovative solutions and technologies, and international experience;

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

15) introducing mechanisms for financial protection and insurance against natural and climate-related disaster risks, developing and introducing economic and social incentives, and providing technical and financial support for the population, organizations and the business sector investing in enhancing urban resilience.

Point 7

The Parties reached agreement that this Letter of Intent is not an international treaty and does not create rights or obligations governed by international law for the Parties or their states.

Point 8

The Parties reached agreement that:

1) this Letter of Intent shall enter into effect from the date of its signing by the respective heads of delegations of the Parties, in a single original copy in the Russian language;
2) the original copy of the Letter of Intent 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 the Parties a certified copy thereof.

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 Authority of the city of Dushanbe**
6. **For the Executive Body of State Authority of the city of Isfara**
7. **For the Hakimlik of the city of Ashgabat**
8. **For the Khokimiyat of the city of Namangan**
9. **For the Khokimiyat of the city of Fergana**
10. **For the Khokimiyat of the city of Kokand**
11. **For the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction**