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The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) presents its compliments to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and, with reference to the Organization's note verbal № 481/06 of 2 November, 2006, has the honour to forward the Statement of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the CICA Member States which is to be distributed at the Fourteenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council on December 4-5, 2006, Brussels, Belgium.

The CICA Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the OSCE the assurances of its highest consideration.

Almaty, December 1, 2006



**ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY  
AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE**

**STATEMENT  
BY THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF THE MEMBER STATES OF  
CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES IN  
ASIA (CICA)**

The Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia, as a process initiated by the Republic of Kazakhstan by President Nursultan Nazarbayev through his speech at the UN General Assembly in 1992, is moving forward. The CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures, adopted at the Ministerial Meeting in 2004 and the Statute of the CICA Secretariat, signed at the Second CICA Summit in 2006 constitute the landmarks of this process. The willingness of the CICA Member States to pursue an active dialogue and interaction on issues pertaining to security and confidence building has been expressed in these documents.

The leadership of Kazakhstan throughout this process has been exemplary. The determination of the Kazakh CICA Chairmanship to introduce the notion of “confidence building” in the Asian continent and the active role it played to bring together the CICA Member States around the shared objective of ensuring peace, stability and security by utilizing the means of confidence building, are what lies at the core of the success of CICA.

In this respect, we express our desire to establish a more active dialogue with the OSCE with whom we share similar ideals and objectives and an overlapping membership structure. The OSCE has been a CICA observer and one of its important partners since the beginning. Taking into consideration the understanding of indivisibility of security, we believe that a solid co-operation between CICA and the OSCE would serve to peace and progress in the Eurasian area.

We are confident that the Republic of Kazakhstan stands at an ideal position to bring CICA and the OSCE closer. The geographical location of Kazakhstan both in Europe and in Asia, as well as its dynamic foreign policy approach in addressing issues concerning peace and security, would constitute an asset in this direction.

Against this background, the CICA Member States express their support for the candidacy of Kazakhstan for the OSCE Chairmanship in 2009. Should there be a consensus among the OSCE participating States in favour of Kazakhstan’s bid for this position, Kazakhstan, who will also hold the CICA Chairmanship until 2010, would play a bridging role between these two vital bodies.

Therefore, we call upon the OSCE Ministerial Council that would meet for the fourteenth time in Brussels at 4-5 December 2006, to adopt the necessary decision for the Republic of Kazakhstan to exercise the OSCE Chairmanship for 2009.

**1 December, 2006**