

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Secretariat of the Economic Cooperation Organization
And
**Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and
Confidence Building Measures in Asia**

The Secretariat of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) and the Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”;

Having in mind the Treaty of Izmir of 1996 and the Almaty Act of 2002, which set out the objectives of the ECO and the CICA respectively;

Noting the role that the Parties have been assigned and the responsibilities of the Secretary General of ECO and the Executive Director of CICA by the Treaty of Izmir and the Statute of the CICA Secretariat respectively;

Desiring to strengthen cooperation and collaboration between the Parties; for the benefit of their Member Countries;

Have reached the following understanding:

- 1 The Parties, within their competence, shall cooperate in the areas of mutual interest through exchange of information, best practices and experiences.
- 2 The Parties shall prepare a work programme to implement areas of cooperation.
- 3 To enable effective and mutually beneficial cooperation, the Parties will hold annual consultations or, as and when necessary, back to back with scheduled meetings of ECO and CICA.
- 4 The representatives of the Secretariats of ECO and CICA will be invited as observers for participation in the appropriate events within the framework of ECO and CICA.

In **WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned, authorized representatives, have signed the present memorandum.

Done at Almaty, this 25th day of August, 2008, in two original copies in English language.

**For The Secretariat of The
Economic Cooperation
Organization**

**KHURSHID ANWAR
Secretary General**

**For The Secretariat of The
Conference Interaction
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Measures In Asia**

**DULAT BAKISHEV
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