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Excellency,

On behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia and UNODC Regional Office for Central Asia we have the honour to invite You to take part in the International High-Level Conference on Security and Sustainable Development in Central Asia under the auspices of the United Nations. The Forum will take place on November 10-11, 2017 in Samarkand under the slogan "Central Asia: Shared Past and Common Future, Cooperation for Sustainable Development and Mutual Prosperity".

The objective of the conference is to discuss urgent issues related to the consolidation of peace and stability in Central Asia and the development of regional cooperation, as well as attracting the attention and assistance of the international agencies, the UN and its specialized institutions first and foremost, to sustainable development projects in the region.

We do hope that this Conference will become a significant step on the way to creating a regional consultation mechanism for discussing the pressing problems of Central Asia with the aim of finding mutually acceptable solutions.

We are sending for Your attention a Concept Note for the conference which expands the main points of the Agenda, as well as the draft of the Conference Program.

We count on Your active participation in the work of the Conference.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

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Programme

International Conference on Security and Sustainable Development in Central Asia under the Auspices of the United Nations «Central Asia: Shared Past and Common Future, Cooperation for Sustainable Development and Mutual Prosperity»

10 November – Friday

Venue of the conference – Complex "Forumlar Majmuasi" Samarkand

08:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 11:20 Opening ceremony (5-7 min speeches)

Moderator: Mr. Abdulazizi Kamilov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan

(interventions up to 5-7 min)

Welcoming address by Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (15 min)

Video address by Mr. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary-General

Welcoming address by Mr. Miroslav Jenča, Assistant UN Secretary-General

Address by Mrs. Federica Mogherini, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Vice-President of the European Commission

Address by Mr. Kairat Abdrakhmanov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Address by Mr. Erlan Abdylдаev, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic

Address by Mr. Sirodjidin Aslov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan

Address by Mr. Rashid Meredov, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan

Address by Mr. Neven Mimica, European Commissioner on International Cooperation and Development (TBC)

11:20-11:30 – short break

11:30-12:50 – welcoming speeches by organizers and High-level participants (5-6 min speeches)

Moderator: Mr. Sodyk Safoev, First Deputy Chairman of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan (interventions up to 5 min)

Address by Mr. Thomas Greminger, OSCE Secretary General

Address by Mr. Rashid Alimov, SCO Secretary-General

Address by Mr. Sergei Lebedev, Chairman of the Executive Committee – Executive Secretary of the Commonwealth of Independent States

Address by Ms. Cihan Sultanoğlu, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, DP Assistant Administrator

Address by Representative of Russia

Address by Representative of the China

Address by Mr. Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey

Address by Mr. Javad Zarif, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iran

Address by Mr. Salahuddin Rabbani, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan

Address by Ms. Natalia Gherman, Head of the UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA)

Address by Mr. Roberto Arbitrio, UNODC Chief of the Office of the Director-General

12.50-13.00 – Group photo of the heads of delegations

13.00-14.00 – lunch

14.00-15.40 – breakout session on regional security (Conference Hall 1)

Moderators: Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Afghanistan, Mr. Ismatilla Irgashev, Head of International Contracts Department at UNODC, Mr. T. Murshudlu

- *speech of L. Curtis, Senior Director for South & Central Asia at US National Security Council*
- *speech of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Afghanistan, Mr. T. Yamamoto*
- *speech of the Director of the Institute of Strategic and Regional Studies under the President of Uzbekistan, Mr. V. Norov*

- *speech of Pakistan Prime Minister's National Security Advisor, Mr. N. Janjua*

- *speech of Representative of India*

- *experts' presentations*

- *presentation of UNODC experts*

15.40-16.00 - Q and A session

16.00-16.15 – Coffee break

16.15-18.00 – Continuation of the regional security breakout session (Conference room №1)

Moderators: Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Afghanistan, Mr. I. Irgashev, Head of International Contracts Department at UNODC, Mr. T. Murshudlu

- *Speech of the expert from Russian Federation*

- *Speech of the expert from Kazakhstan*

- *Speech of the expert from Kyrgyz Republic*

- *Speech of the expert from Great Britain*

- *Speech of the expert from China*

18.00 – 18.30 - Q and A session

14.00 – 15.40 - breakout session on the cooperation in the sphere of water and ecology (Conference room №2)

Moderators: Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Chamber of Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Mr. B. Alikhanov and the Head of UNRCCA, N. German

- *Speech of the Deputy Head of the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Mr. Sh. Khamroev*

- *Speech of the Deputy State Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Swiss Confederation, Ms. Krystina Marty Lang*

- *Speech of the representative of Scientific-Information Center of ICWC*

- *Speech of the representative of IFAS*

- *Speech of the representative from Kazakhstan*

- *Speech of the representative from Kyrgyz Republic*

- *Speech of the representative from Kazakhstan*

- *Speech of the representative from Turkmenistan*

15:40 – 16.00 - Q and A session

16.00 – 16.15 - Coffee break

16.15-18.00 - Continuation of the breakout session on the cooperation in the sphere of water and ecology (Conference room №2)

Moderators: Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Chamber of Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Mr. B. Alikhanov and the Head of UNRCCA, N. German

- *speech of A. Abdullayev, Director of the Central Asian Regional Ecological Centre (Almaty)*

- *speech of M. Tuukkanen, Managing Director of Finnish Water Forum*

- *speech of S. Vinogradov, professor of Dundee University (Scotland)*

- *speech of R. Paisley, Director of the Global Transboundary International Waters Governance Initiative of the Institute of Asian Research at the University of British Columbia*

- speech of Joop de Schutter, international consultation and analysis manager on at the UNESCO International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC)

- speech of M Edelshtein, Director of the Institute for the Environment Study, Ramapo College

- speech M.Kayner, Head of EEC UN environment department

18:00-18:30 - Q and A session

19:00-21:00 - Official reception on behalf of Uzbek Government in honour of the participants of the Conference

11 November – Saturday

09:00-11:15 Plenary session: Development of regional cooperation in Central Asia (meeting hall No1)

Moderators: Representative of Uzbekistan, Chairman of the Institute of Central Asia and Caucasus under the Cabinet of foreign policy F.Starr (USA)

- E. Aripov, Director of Informational-analytical centre of international relations

- Kazakhstan representative

- Kyrgyzstan representative

- Tadjikistan representative

- Turkmenistan representative

- Joint Presentation of representatives of UNDP in CA countries

- Experts speeches

10:45-11:15 - Q and A session

11:15-11:30 - short break

11:30-12:45 -Plenary session: Assistance of the international community to the CA countries in counteracting modern security challenges and ensuring sustainable development

Moderators: G.Saidova, Minister of Economy of the Republic of Uzbekistan, H.Freiser, Resident Representative of UNDP in Uzbekistan

- speech of first vice-president of EBRD, F.Bennet

- speech of ADB representative

- speech of Peter Burian, EU Special Representative for CA

- speech of Kuvshinov, Secretary general of international organisation of civil defence

- speech of representative of Japan

-speech of Members of European Parliament Mrs I.Grigule-Peterse and Eduard Kukan

12:45-13:00 - Q and A session

13:00- 13:30 - concluding remarks, a brief statement by the organizers, the adoption of a communique, the closure of the event

- A. Kamilov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan

- N.Gherman, Head of UNRCCA

- A. Mittal, Head of UNODC

13:30-14:30 - lunch

14:30-18:00 - Samarkand sightseeing

15:00-15:30 - press-conference of event organizers

18:00 - departure of participants from Samarkand