

Brief statement of Amb. J. Enkhsaikhan of Mongolia at the Permanent Council meeting

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Like the previous speakers I would like to thank Amb. Aldemir, Executive Director of CICA for his presentation regarding the organization, its activities and some ideas how CICA could work with OSCE.

Mongolia is one of the founding members of CICA. It believes that the organization can become an important mechanism of multilateral cooperation in the region in all the five areas of its activities. My country participates in its meetings, seminars, trainings and other agreed activities. It specially plays an active role as coordinator in the areas of water resources management and environmental protection. Thus a meeting on this issue has recently been held in Ulaanbaatar.

The potential of CICA is yet to be fully realized. Its growing membership as well as interest of other non-area countries and international organizations show that there is an enormous room for making an effective use of the comparative advantage of this forum. A part of CICA is a declared nuclear-weapon-free zone. Mongolia is also working to make its territory a nuclear-weapon-free zone.

Many countries in the heart of Asia are land-locked, with their inherent handicaps to developing free and fair trade. Their handicaps and challenges need to be understood, recognized and a fair solution be found that would allow them to better integrate in the emerging dynamic euro-asian economic space. An International Research Center-Think Tank of Landlocked Developing Countries, recently established in Ulaanbaatar, is expected to play an important role in this regard.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to take this opportunity to remind that the 2011 OSCE-Mongolia conference entitled “On enhancing OSCE cooperation with the Asian partners in addressing the challenges through a comprehensive approach to security” is scheduled for 23-24 May and that preparations are underway to make it both informative and practically useful for OSCE participating and partner states. Together with some other organizations, CICA has been invited to participate in the conference as an active observer.

Once again I would like to thank Amb. Aldemir for his important statement and for sharing his ideas on how the two organizations can successfully work together.