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in Russian and Chinese.*

**Statement by the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation
Organisation on Assistance to States Affected by Emergencies**

We, the leaders of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (hereinafter referred to as SCO) Member States,

guided by the goals and principles of the SCO Charter, as well as the universally recognised norms and principles of international law,

reaffirming our commitment to the Shanghai Spirit, based on mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality, mutual consultations, respect for cultural diversity and the desire for joint development,

noting that emergencies of a natural, technological, biological, social and other nature, including earthquakes, floods, mudslides, avalanches, forest and steppe fires, droughts, epidemics, accidents and disasters, cause significant damage to human life and health, the environment, infrastructure facilities and national economies,

expressing concern over the growing number and scale of emergencies, as well as the increasing need for prompt humanitarian assistance to affected states and populations,

underscoring the importance of strengthening solidarity, mutual support and the consolidation of efforts by the Member States with a view to responding promptly to emergencies and mitigating their consequences,

underscoring the importance of effective, transparent and coordinated mechanisms for the mobilisation, coordination and provision of humanitarian assistance,

noting the initiative of the Kyrgyz Republic to establish a mechanism for providing humanitarian assistance to states affected by emergencies, and taking into account the proposal of the Russian Federation to establish reserve resource funds within the SCO to prepare for overcoming the consequences of international crises and emergencies,

declare the following:

The Member States intend to undertake the following actions:

- provide humanitarian assistance as a matter of priority to Member States affected by natural, technological, biological, social and other emergencies, upon their official request or with their consent;

- where appropriate capabilities are available, provide humanitarian assistance to other states affected by emergencies through the SCO's coordination mechanisms, while considering the possibility of developing a humanitarian assistance mechanism based on the principles of voluntary participation by the Member States, consensus-based decision-making and due regard for national legislation, including agreed procedures for coordinating, mobilising and delivering such assistance;

- improve mechanisms for the prompt exchange of information on emergencies, the scale of damage, the priority needs of affected states and the possibilities for providing assistance;

- continue work on the practical aspects of implementing this Statement;

- conduct joint exercises, training and other activities aimed at increasing the level of preparedness to provide assistance in the event of emergencies, subject to agreement among the Member States and in accordance with their national legislation;

- cooperate with international and regional organisations, including United Nations system organisations, with a view to coordinating efforts and exchanging experience in the field of humanitarian response.

Implementation of the provisions of this Statement shall not entail any obligations for the Member States to make additional financial contributions or establish a separate budget and will contribute to strengthening the role of the SCO as an effective regional platform for mutual assistance, solidarity and collective response to emergencies.

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