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Observer status for the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute

Letter dated 16 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Pursuant to rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, I have the honour to request the inclusion of an item entitled “Observer status for the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute in the General Assembly” in the provisional agenda of the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly.

The Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute is an intergovernmental organization whose mission is to enhance the quality and effectiveness of economic cooperation in the CAREC region (Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, China, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) by providing evidence-based research, capacity-building services and networking with research institutions. The Institute was established in 2006 at the fifth CAREC Ministerial Conference. Its operation formally began in Urumqi, China, in March 2015, and the Agreement Establishing the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute entered into force in August 2017. All 11 member countries of the Institute are States Members of the United Nations.

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, enclosed herewith are an explanatory memorandum (annex I), a related draft resolution (annex II) and the Agreement Establishing the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute (annex III).

It would be highly appreciated if you could have the present letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

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to the United Nations



Annex I**Explanatory memorandum****Observer status for the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute**

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The Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute is an intergovernmental organization whose mission is to enhance the quality and effectiveness of the CAREC Programme. The CAREC Programme is a subregional development initiative of the Asian Development Bank comprising 11 countries: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, China, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. It has six multilateral institutional partners: the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Islamic Development Bank, the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank.

The CAREC Institute fulfils its mission by providing evidence-based research and capacity-building services to its member countries and networking with research institutions. It aims to deepen and improve the level of economic cooperation in the region and coordinate the rapid development of the member countries through knowledge generation, knowledge service and knowledge management, thereby connecting Central Asia to the rest of the world.

As part of its mission and mandate, the CAREC Institute provides innovative knowledge-based solutions on the basis of the sharing of good practices of the region and of the world to enable CAREC member countries to better respond to the regional challenges and opportunities; enhance the capabilities of government officials to engage in regional cooperation processes, improve their capabilities to plan and implement regional cooperation projects, and build their capabilities for informed policy analysis; conduct strategic research by mobilizing world-class intellectual resources to enhance regional cooperation and accelerate growth in the CAREC region; improve the effectiveness of decision-making among the member countries by the dissemination of research findings and the holding of high-level forums; and promote and facilitate the establishment and development of regional think tanks to serve as a resource base for strategic research and knowledge-sharing.

The establishment of the CAREC Institute originated from the CAREC Programme launched in 1996 by ADB, aimed at promoting development through cooperation and facilitating economic and social development through regional cooperation in areas such as transport, trade policy, trade facilitation and energy. It was agreed at the fifth CAREC Ministerial Conference, held in 2006, that the Institute would be established. After three years' preparation, the Institute began to operate in a virtual mode from 2009 and was managed by the CAREC secretariat at ADB. To further realize the role of the Institute in strengthening regional cooperation, an offer to host the headquarters of the Institute in Urumqi, China, was accepted during the eleventh Ministerial Conference, in Wuhan, China, in October 2013. With the active promotion of the Governments of CAREC member countries and of ADB, the Institute began its physical operation in Urumqi in March 2015 and the Agreement Establishing the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute entered into force in August 2017.

The CAREC Institute works closely with policy makers, government officials, think tanks, academia and businesses in the region in supporting and improving macroeconomic policies, financial stability and the investment climate; facilitating regional trade and tourism and developing economic corridors; improving

communication; and promoting cooperation in energy, agriculture and human development. The Institute supports the achievement of objectives outlined in the CAREC Strategy 2030, the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030, the CAREC Transport Strategy 2030 and the CAREC Energy Strategy 2030, which were adopted at the CAREC Ministerial Conferences in Ashgabat in 2018 and in Tashkent in 2019.

The CAREC Institute maintains long-term partnerships with 10 international and regional institutions, including ADB, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) and the Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia. It has observer status at the World Bank, IMF and ADB, and its representatives regularly attend their annual meetings and regional events.

The major activities of the CAREC Institute focus on the key economic areas of transport, trade facilitation, trade policy and energy, and involve second-tier areas such as communicable diseases, agriculture, water, disaster risk management, climate change and information and communications technology. Since its establishment, the Institute has organized more than 60 trainings, workshops and research activities, focusing on topics such as regional economic cooperation databases and modelling, integration into the global value chain, improvement in border management, cross-border trade logistics and facilitation, small and medium-sized enterprise development and financing, public-private partnerships, agriculture development, e-commerce, special economic zones, road safety, water management, energy security, regional tourism promotion and the CAREC regional integration index.

The CAREC Institute supports regional knowledge capacity by strengthening the research and networking capacities of regional think tanks. It coordinates the CAREC Think Tank Network (CTTN) and hosts the largest think tank development forum in the region. The Institute hosted the first annual CAREC Think Tank Development Forum, held in Kazakhstan in June 2016, on the theme of “Promoting Economic Cooperation for an Integrated Central Asia”; the second Forum, in Urumqi in September 2017, on the theme of “Exploring Knowledge Solutions for Regional Cooperation and Integration”; the third Forum in Bishkek in July 2018, on the theme of “Building Knowledge Corridors along the Silk Road”; and the fourth Forum, in Xian, China, in August 2019, on the theme of “Trading for Shared Prosperity”. In 2019, the Institute launched its CTTN research grants programme for think tanks and a fellowship programme for leading researchers in the region to support their intellectual contribution to the body of knowledge.

In providing knowledge products and services to government officials, think tanks and businesses, the CAREC Institute highlights the importance of the alignment of national strategies and development plans of its member countries and supports regional action that complements national efforts to successfully achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and address climate change. In this regard, the Institute organized a policy dialogue on climate change financing with the Green Climate Fund and ADB in 2018.

As an intergovernmental organization and centre for providing knowledge-based solutions, the CAREC Institute strives to be a repository of knowledge, to develop international best practices by drawing from the available global knowledge base and to provide cutting-edge capacity-building and training services to help to improve policy development, good governance, service standards and the livelihood of people in its member countries.

Annex II

Draft resolution

Observer status for the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute in the General Assembly

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The General Assembly,

Noting the aspiration of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute to develop cooperation with the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to invite the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.

Annex III

Agreement Establishing the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES,

Taking into consideration the need to establish a research and capacity building center to enhance the quality and effectiveness of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program (hereinafter “CAREC”) as well as the agreement to establish the physical base of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute in the region, which was made at the 11th Ministerial Conference of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program held in Wuhan, People’s Republic of China on 30 October 2012;

Desiring to constitute the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute as an inter-governmental organisation, under the auspices of the Ministerial Conference of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program that can carry out its functions as an entity with full legal personality;

Recognizing that the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute has been identified as one of the operating priorities of CAREC to serve its members, and in this regard to adhere to the principles of equality, fairness and balance reflected in the Ministerial Announcement on the Establishment of the Physical Base of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute endorsed at the 13th Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Ministerial Conference in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic on 6 November 2014;

Convinced that the establishment of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute will serve as an important step forward towards regional economic cooperation and progress;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER 1 ESTABLISHMENT, PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS

Article 1. Establishment

By this Agreement the contracting parties establish the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute (hereinafter “CI”) as an intergovernmental organization with full legal personality, which shall be afforded the preferential treatment and facilities necessary for carrying out the functions mandated to it as provided in this Agreement.

Article 2. Purpose; Relationship with CAREC

The purpose of CI is to enhance the quality of CAREC through knowledge generation and capacity building for effective regional cooperation to meet the goal of accelerating economic growth in the CAREC region.

Article 3. Membership

(1).

(a) As used in this Agreement, “CI Member Country” means a Signatory that has deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval with the Depositary.

(b) A Signatory will be afforded all of the rights of a CI Member Country under this Agreement, notwithstanding that it has not deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval with the Depositary, until the later to occur of two years after the date on which this Agreement enters into force and the date that is two years after the date on which it becomes a Signatory.

(c) A Signatory that has not deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval with the Depositary by the later to occur of two years after the date on which this Agreement enters into force and the date that is two years after the date on which it becomes a Signatory may participate in the affairs and programs of CI and attend Governing Council meetings as a non-decision making participant, but, until such time as it becomes a CI Member Country (i) its consensus in Governing Council decisions will not be sought, (ii) its representative may not serve as the Chairperson of the Governing Council, and (iii) it will not be eligible to appoint or nominate any person to any Management position (the matters specified in subclauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of this Article 3(1)(c) hereinafter referred to as “**Governance Rights**”).

(2). The Governing Council may grant CI observer status to countries that are not members of CAREC and organizations that can assist CI to achieve its objectives, with such designations, rights, obligations and privileges as the Governing Council may determine, but without Governance Rights

(3).

(a) A CI Member Country that withdraws from membership in CAREC must notify the Depositary of its withdrawal from CI and may advise CI that it wishes to continue to participate in CI as an observer. The notice will constitute a withdrawal notice under subclause (b) of this Article 3(3), and any request to continue as an observer will be referred to the Governing Council for its consideration.

(b) Any CI Member Country may withdraw from CI at any time by delivering a notice in writing to the Depositary. Withdrawal by a CI Member Country shall become effective, and its membership shall cease, on the date specified in its notice but in no event earlier than six (6) months after the date that notice has been received by the Depositary.

(c) A withdrawing CI Member Country shall remain liable for all responsibilities and obligations to CI to which it was subject at the date of cessation of membership.

Article 4. Functions

To fulfil its purpose, CI shall:

- (1). report on its past and proposed programs to CAREC at each annual meeting of the CAREC Ministerial Conference;
- (2). align its programs with the strategic goals of CAREC;
- (3). provide innovative solutions based on the sharing of good practices to enable CAREC and the CI Member Countries to respond to regional challenges and cooperative processes;
- (4). enhance the capabilities of government officials in CAREC and the CI Member Countries to engage in regional cooperation processes, improve their capacities to plan and implement regional cooperation projects, and build their capacities for informed policy analysis;
- (5). conduct strategic research by mobilizing world-class intellectual resources to enhance regional cooperation capacity and accelerated growth in the CAREC region;

- (6). promote the effectiveness of scientific research in CAREC and among the CI Member Countries through joint or collaborative projects and wide dissemination of research findings and results; and
- (7). develop a network of research institutions in the CAREC region to serve as a resource base for strategic research and knowledge sharing, comprising among others, of universities, think tanks, and development institutions.

Article 5. Principles of Operations

- (1). The operations of CI shall abide by principles consistent with public international law and good governance, and apply good practices among international organizations, as may be appropriate to CI's purpose and functions.
- (2). The nature of the CI, as an entity for regional economic cooperation supporting CAREC, shall be reflected in all aspects of its operations, including decision-making, staffing, access to training and right of access to information.
- (3). The operations of CI shall be balanced and fair, considering the multitude of needs of CI member countries, without undue advantage to any one country, in planning or carrying out its work.
- (4). Capacity building services of CI will be distributed equitably among CI Member Countries based on their needs for capacity building to further enhance regional cooperation.
- (5). CI's program will reflect the strategic goals of CAREC as established from time to time by the Ministerial Conference of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program (hereinafter "**CAREC Ministerial Conference**").

CHAPTER 2 GOVERNANCE

Article 6. Structure

The governance structure of CI shall comprise a Governing Council, an Advisory Council, Management and staff.

Article 7. Governing Council: Composition

As used in this Agreement, "**Governing Council**" means a body comprised of one representative of each CI Member Country, selected by each CI Member Country's government and communicated through the ministers who represent those countries on the CAREC Ministerial Conference, acting according to the terms of this Agreement and according to such procedures as they shall establish among themselves by consensus from time to time. The Asian Development Bank shall be invited to participate in Governing Council meetings as a member without decision-making rights.

Article 8. Governing Council: Powers

- (1). All the powers of CI shall be vested in the Governing Council.
- (2). The Governing Council may cause the CI to establish such subsidiary bodies of the CI as may be necessary or appropriate to meet the objectives of CI.

Article 9. Governing Council: Structure

- (1). The position of Chairperson of the Governing Council shall be rotated annually among all the CI Member Countries in alphabetical order starting from the country that is acting as chair of CAREC during the year in which this Agreement enters into

force, provided that the Chairperson may not be a national of the same country as the Director. Unless the Governing Council determines a different arrangement, the tenure of each Chairperson shall continue from the end of one annual meeting of the CAREC Ministerial Conference until the end of the following annual meeting of the CAREC Ministerial Conference. The Chairperson shall convene meetings of the Governing Council and shall have such other responsibilities and authorities as are set out in the rules of procedure of the Governing Council.

(2). Each member of the Governing Council shall appoint an alternate who shall have full power to act as his or her representative on the Governing Council when the member is not present.

(3). Members of the Governing Council shall serve as such without remuneration from CI.

Article 10. Governing Council: Responsibilities

The Governing Council shall be responsible to determine and ensure implementation of the strategic direction of the operations of CI in accordance with the purposes, functions and principles set out in Articles 2, 4 and 5 of this Agreement, and in particular shall:

- (1). maintain strategic oversight of, and set policy directions for, CI and provide overall guidance to CI operations;
- (2). approve organizational structure and level of staffing, and any changes in such organizational structure and staffing level;
- (3). oversee the appointment process for, appoint, suspend or terminate the Director and Deputy Directors;
- (4). appoint the Advisory Council members, and suspend or terminate any such appointments;
- (5). review such reports prepared by the Director and staff and such recommendations or other inputs from the Advisory Council as the Governing Council shall determine from time to time;
- (6). approve rules, procedures and regulations;
- (7). approve the annual and medium-term work program;
- (8). approve the external communications policy of CI;
- (9). supervise CI operations and monitor its outputs;
- (10). review and approve CI's annual report setting out the performance of the functions and duties of CI and containing an audited statement of CI's financial accounts and staffing levels;
- (11). approve observer status under Article 3(2) of this Agreement for countries that are not members of CAREC and for organizations;
- (12). approve host country agreements;
- (13). establish such committees as are necessary and appropriate to facilitate the general operations of CI;
- (14). review the CI's financial resource position annually and approve the CI's annual budget; and
- (15). perform other functions specified to be performed by it in this Agreement and such other functions as are necessary to achieve the objectives, roles and tasks of CI

consistent with the purposes, functions and principles described in Articles 2, 4 and 5 of this Agreement.

Article 11. Governing Council: Procedures

- (1). The Governing Council shall meet at least once a year, and as often and at such place as it may determine as required for the operations of CI.
- (2). A simple majority of the CI Member Country representatives on the Governing Council or their alternates shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the Governing Council.

Article 12. Decision-Making

Governing Council decisions shall be taken by consensus of all Governing Council members having Governance Rights.

Article 13. Advisory Council

- (1). The Governing Council will appoint at least three persons to serve as members of an Advisory Council, chosen from among prominent thinkers, scholars and civil leaders who are outstanding in their respective fields or disciplines relating to the priorities of CAREC.
- (2). The Advisory Council will act as a sounding board and source of new ideas for CI and will suggest ideas and approaches to enhance the strategies and operations of CI.
- (3). Members of the Advisory Council may be compensated according to standards determined by the Governing Council.
- (4). The Director or his or her representative will serve as secretary of the Advisory Council.

Article 14. Management and Staff

- (1). CI's organizational structure, management and staffing shall be guided by the following objectives:
 - (a) adherence to the principles of equal ownership, regionality, fairness and balance;
 - (b) enhancement of the effectiveness and efficiency of CI operations;
 - (c) development of CI's capacity for long-term sustainability and effectiveness; and
 - (d) balance in the representation of countries.
- (2).
 - (a) The recruitment and selection of candidates for Management and staff positions shall follow sound international practices that are transparent, fair, based on merit, and without discrimination on account of gender, race or religious beliefs.
 - (b) In appointing international staff, the Director shall, subject to the paramount importance of securing the highest standards of efficiency and of technical competence, pay due regard to recruitment of professional staff broadly from CI Member Countries.
 - (c) The Governing Council shall establish mechanisms and policies that implement these principles.

- (3). The Governing Council shall appoint a Director and two Deputy Directors, to serve as the management of CI (“**Management**”), who shall hold office on such terms as are determined by the Governing Council.
- (4). Management shall, unless directed otherwise by the Governing Council, participate in the meetings of the Governing Council without decision-making rights.
- (5). The Director shall:
 - (a) be accountable to the Governing Council and subject to its general control;
 - (b) be the chief of CI and, unless the Governing Council decides otherwise, be responsible for the organisation of staff and overall performance of CI;
 - (c) be the legal representative of CI and conduct the current business of CI;
 - (d) submit to the Governing Council an annual report;
 - (e) serve as secretary of the Governing Council; and
 - (f) submit to the Governing Council a plan of the staffing levels, annual budget, and annual and medium term work programme of CI for review and approval.
- (6). The Management and staff shall, in the discharge of their functions, owe their duty entirely to CI and to no other authority. CI Member Countries shall respect the international character of this duty and shall refrain from all attempts to influence any of the Management or staff in the discharge of their functions.

Article 15. Financial Management

- (1). CI shall be provided with the necessary financial and other resources to perform its functions effectively by voluntary contributions from CI Member Countries and by other means as approved by the Governing Council.
- (2). CI shall establish financial rules and procedures in accordance with international standards. CI shall observe sound and prudent financial management policies and practices and budgetary discipline.
- (3). CI shall not borrow funds.
- (4). The financial year of CI shall begin on 1 January and end on 31 December of each year.

Article 16. Communications

- (1). Each CI Member Country may designate an official entity with which CI may communicate in connection with any matter arising under this Agreement. CI shall address all such communications to such designated official entity.
- (2). The official language of CI shall be English, while other languages may be used as working languages, as appropriate, with necessary financial provision.

Article 17. Location

- (1). The headquarters of CI shall be located in the People’s Republic of China.
- (2). The CI may establish branch offices in any CI Member Countries, as approved by the Governing Council. In determining the location of the first branch, the Governing Council shall pay due regard to the offers made by the member countries.
- (3). CI shall sign a host country agreement with each country that hosts a physical office of CI.

CHAPTER 3

STATUS, PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT AND FACILITIES

Article 18. Purpose of Status, Preferential Treatment and Facilities

CI, Governing Council members and alternates, Advisory Council members, and CI employees and consultants or experts performing missions for CI (hereinafter “**CI Personnel**”) are entitled to the preferential treatment and facilities set out in this Agreement in the territory of all CI Member Countries in order to enable the CI to function as an intergovernmental organization to promote regional economic cooperation.

Article 19. Legal Status of CI

CI shall have full legal personality and, in particular, full legal capacity to:

- (1) enter into contracts;
- (2) acquire and dispose of immovable and movable property;
- (3) institute and respond to legal proceedings; and
- (4) take such other action as may be necessary or useful for its purpose and activities.

Article 20. Preferential Treatment and Facilities of CI

- (1). CI shall enjoy preferential treatment and facilities as stipulated in this Agreement except to the extent that it expressly waives its preferential treatment and facilities.
- (2). All CI Member Countries shall protect the safety of CI’s property, assets, archives and documents in accordance with their laws to the same extent as they protect the property, assets, archives and documents of any similar intergovernmental organization, subject to any specific agreement between CI and such CI Member Country.
- (3). Each CI Member Country shall afford to the CI’s official communications preferential treatment and facilities to the same extent as it affords preferential treatment and facilities to the official communications of any similar intergovernmental organization, subject to any specific agreement between CI and such CI Member Country.
- (4). CI and its assets, property, income, operations and transactions shall be exempt from taxation, provided, however, that CI shall not claim exemptions for excise taxes and taxes included in utility prices unless otherwise specified in a separate agreement between CI and a Member Country.

Article 21. Preferential Treatment of and Facilities for CI Personnel

- (1). CI Personnel:

(a) where they are not local citizens or nationals of the CI Member Country concerned, shall be granted the same preferential treatment in respect of immigration restrictions, and national service obligations and the same facilities as regards exchange restrictions as are accorded by each CI Member Country to the representatives and staff of comparable rank of similar intergovernmental organization;

(b) shall be granted the same treatment in respect of travelling facilities as is accorded by each CI Member Country to the representatives and staff of comparable rank of any similar intergovernmental organization; and

(c) shall be exempt from taxation on the salaries and emoluments paid to them by CI except where a CI Member Country deposits with its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval a declaration that such member retains for itself and its political subdivisions the right to tax salaries, and emoluments, as the case may be, paid by the CI to citizens or nationals of such CI Member Country.

(2). CI and CI Personnel shall respect the laws of the countries where they conduct activities on behalf of CI and shall not interfere in the political affairs of such countries.

Article 22. Implementation

Each CI Member Country shall take the action necessary to give effect in its own territory to the legal status, preferential treatment, exemptions and facilities of CI and CI Personnel set out in this Chapter 3 and shall inform CI of the action that it has taken on the matter.

CHAPTER 4 FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 23. Amendments

(1). This Agreement may be amended with the consent of all CI Member Countries, with such amendments being formalized by separate protocols as an integral part of this Agreement.

(2). Any proposal of a CI Member Country to amend this Agreement shall be communicated to the Chairperson of the Governing Council, who shall promptly bring the proposal before the Governing Council. When an amendment has been adopted, CI shall so certify in an official communication addressed to all CI Member Countries. Amendments shall enter into force for all CI Member Countries three months after the date of the official communication, unless the Governing Council specifies therein a different period.

Article 24. Interpretation and Dispute Settlement

(1). CI Member Countries shall endeavor to settle disputes concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement within six (6) months from the occurrence of such disputes through negotiation.

(2). Any dispute that cannot be settled under paragraph (1) above shall be submitted to the Governing Council, which shall endeavor to resolve such dispute by consensus of all Governing Council members that do not represent parties to the dispute.

(3). No Signatory or CI Member Country may bring any legal proceedings against CI.

Article 25. Signature and Deposit

The depositary of this Agreement shall be CI (hereinafter “**the Depositary**”). The Depositary shall communicate certified copies of the signed Agreement to all the Signatories.

Article 26. Ratification, Acceptance, Approval or Accession

(1). This Agreement shall be subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by all CAREC member countries whose duly authorized representatives sign this Agreement (hereafter “Signatories”). Instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Depositary, which shall notify the other Signatories of each deposit and the date thereof.

(2). Any country that becomes a member country of CAREC may become a Signatory to this Agreement.

Article 27. Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on the day following the deposit with the Depositary of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of three countries that are members of CAREC, including the host country of the headquarters of CI.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done in Islamabad, Pakistan on the 26th day of October in the year two thousand and sixteen in a single original in the English language which shall be deposited with the Depositary.

For the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

For the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan

For the Government of the People's Republic of China

For the Government of Georgia

For the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan

For the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic

For the Government of Mongolia

For the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

For the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan

For the Government of Turkmenistan

For the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan
