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## CICA Shanghai Summit and Afghanistan



### Introduction

Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA) members' heads of state come together once in each four years for peace and stability in Asia continent, and according to them has impact on peace and stability not only in Asia but in the whole world.

Currently 26 countries are member of this treaty and 7 others with 4 organizations are participating in its summits as observers. Safeguarding of national territories, non-intervention in countries internal affairs and cooperation of the member countries in Economy, Society and Culture are the in the core of its vision.

The fourth summit of CICA was held in Shanghai, China on May 20-21, 2014 in which Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai also participated. CSRS' Weekly Analysis Board have analysed different aspects of the summit and Hamid Karzai's visit of China as following:

### Background

The first idea of CICA treaty was proposed by Nursultan Nazarbayev the President of Kazakhstan on October 5, 1992, during the General Assembly of the United Nations, and welcomed by most Asian countries. Later in 1999, 15 Asian countries including Afghanistan drew the foundational goals for CICA in Almaty.

In 2002 the first summit of the conference was held in Almaty, during which the Almaty Act, the Charter of the CICA was signed by the presidents of the member countries. This treaty has been signed by Hamid Karzai from Afghanistan. The presidents of the 16 countries said in this summit

that the member countries will pave the way towards peace and stability in the region. The heads of the member countries coming together in each four years and the foreign ministers hold summits in each two years. The first summit of the heads of the states held in 2002, the second in 2006 and the third in 2010.

## **The Scope of Interactions between Member States**

According to CICA codes of conduct, the member countries are cooperating in the following five fields, in order to make steps towards trust building and resolution of conflicts in the region:

### **1. Economy:**

According to CICA 2004 catalog, the member countries must provide a share database for trade and economy, prevent illegal financial processes and share information on suspected custom processes, share the knowledge about natural disasters, which can affect the neighboring countries, also sharing information between heads of states to encourage world tourism and more coordination to contribute on disasters management effectiveness, and common projects between countries for economic development.

### **2. Environment:**

The member states not only develop programs for environment protection but implement these programs especially in border areas.

### **3. Human Rights:**

The member countries must not only share information about human smuggle but jointly cooperate to end it. The member states must contribute in strengthening the soft power of each other as granting scholarships for students and sending students to each other countries.

### **4. New Challenges (Terrorism, Drug Smuggling, Human Smuggling, Illegal Finance and Illegal Trade of Weapons):**

The member countries in accordance with their national law must cooperate for anti-terrorism struggle and prevent radical and separators. The member states will not only share information about war against terrorism, segregation, fundamentalism or organized crimes, but will provide mechanism for war against them. The member states must eradicate the drug and human smuggle or illegal finance. The member states must encourage the dialogue of traditions instead of conflict between traditions.

## **5. Politics and Military:**

For sustainable stability and trust building in political and military, the member states can cooperate in the following areas:

The member states will invite the military observers for military exercises, and participating in the cultural and sport events in each other countries.

### **The CICA Summit and Hamid Karzai's China Visit**

President Hamid Karzai traveled to China for a four days official visit, and participated in the CICA summit for two days. In this visit President Karzai met Chinese officials and his counterpart.

Chinese President Xi Jinping pointing out the the friendly interaction of China said that without the global and regional incidents China will have its friendly relations with Afghanistan and will increase the mutual cooperation, and also will encourage Chinese companies for investment in design of Silk Route, also will help Afghanistan in war against segregation, radicalism and terrorism. Xi Jinping in his statements added that China hopes a united, stable, developed and friend Afghanistan.

Hamid Karzai in response to the Jinping's statements welcomed the brotherly relation between the countries and stated China as a trustee neighbor for Afghanistan. He said, I am confident that irrespective of who would be elected in the upcoming election, Afghanistan will have close relations with China. He expected China to play a constructive role in peace, stability and development of Afghanistan.

It seems that the fourth CICA summit will resolve the internal conflicts between Asian countries through negotiations and trust building.

China who will lead this treaty from 2014 to 2016 plays a significant role in the region, especially while the American troops leave Afghanistan. The same statements are made by UN General Secretariat as well and hoped that China will play a significant role.

### **Conclusion:**

The above analysis suggests that if CICA's objectives and goal are properly achieved, it will have constructive role in Afghanistan issues.

Through the help of CICA, Afghanistan involved in conflicts with some neighboring countries might have an opportunity of confidence building with them. Besides, Afghanistan will take steps and will be able to play a key role in bringing peace, stability and development in the CICA region. The region, having great desire for the three, will also back play constructive role in Afghanistan.

## Obama's visit to Afghanistan and plans for withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan!



### Preamble:

Barak Obama, the president of USA, without prior information to any Afghan high level authorities travel to Afghanistan. He requested the President of IROA to meet him in one of the military bases "Bagram" but President Karzai rejected this offer and Obama returned back to his country without meeting any official of the country.

By reaching to his country, Obama announced that after the completion of military / war operations successfully only 9800 American troops will remain in Afghanistan. He added this number of forces will be reduced to 1000 by the end of 2016 in Bagram base.

- *How do you see President Obama's visit to Afghanistan in accordance to international and diplomatic rules?*
- *What was his purpose of visit?*
- *What message did he have for Afghan officials?*

The weekly analysis board of CSRS has analyzed the issue as following:

### Obama's visit to Afghanistan is against diplomatic rules and insults Afghan sovereignty:

What is the meaning of visit of one president of the country to another without meetings its high officials? Is it justifiable for a president of a country to visit to host country without meeting its high officials in accordance to diplomatic and international rules and regulations?

This is not the first visit of American President to Afghanistan without an official announcement or notification but we are the witness of many visits like this in these last few years. Obama in the year 2011 in dark night appeared in Bagram Base and invited President Karzai for signing the strategic agreement between two countries.

Obama's visit to Afghanistan and inviting President Karzai to meet him is not only against diplomatic & international rules but also very insulting to Afghanistan's sovereignty and especially President Karzai himself. As Obama's unannounced visit is against the diplomatic and international rules, the reaction of President Karzai for rejection of meeting him is also worth of appreciation and a good answer to American so called being in power.

The question arises that why words are not uttered against the illegal action of American? It is very surprising that the puppet media announced that Obama won't meet Karzai but the reality is that this invitation was rejected by Karzai. The puppet media (American Supportive Media) wanted to show to Afghan nation that Obama didn't want to meet Karzai not the reality that Karzai rejected his offer.

This was also one of the issues that made clear that most of the media is working in favor of America with the support of America. Truly, some of the media should have been stepped down by Afghan government but it clearly seems to be impossible for Afghans as majority of them are being supported by America.

Obama's visit comes in a time when Afghan Cabinet (Ministers' Council) had in their agenda to discuss the issue of recording of Afghan telephone calls by Americans which in not doubt is the violation of Afghan sovereignty. The installation of these networks are said to be the control of counter-narcotics inside Afghanistan, but the reality is something else. These kinds of situations can occur in countries like Afghanistan having no independence and now it is very clear that Americans will never have respect to the freedom and people's privacy of Afghans.

### **The purpose of Obama's recent visit to Afghanistan:**

The purpose of Obama's visit to Afghanistan is said to be tribute to American troops. But this is only the visible side of the visit but the reality is the visit of Afghanistan after two years in the very critical time where election of Afghanistan goes to the second round and Obama announces his plans for withdrawal of forces.

Obama had a clear warning to both of the candidates. The message (warning) of White House to both these candidates was to recognize the independence of White House against Afghanistan and that Obama will be able to enter to Afghanistan at any time without informing & meeting any Afghan officials and can speak to its forces in a place that Afghans count them as

their territory. It is mentionable that there are some rumors that Obama had a meeting with one of the candidates who counts the signing of agreement in his priority.

However, Obama said his purpose was tribute to his troops in Afghanistan not the observation of security and military condition. He added in his address to his troops that the participation of Afghans in election and arranging security condition to them is the achievements of the presence of American troops.

*If this security condition in real words is worth of appreciation then may God bless Afghans and Afghanistan!*

The second pointed that Obama pointed in his speech was that Afghanistan won't be an ideal land in the future and this shouldn't be the responsibility of America. If this is like that then why Americans invaded Afghanistan in the year 2001 and promised (publicized) that they will make Afghanistan an ideal land for living. But now that they made their position strong in the region, shade the blood of many innocent Afghans, did all kind of crimes and didn't respect the privacy of Afghans are saying that they won't be responsible or in other words building Afghanistan is not their responsibility.

When Americans came to Afghanistan they faced some of the realities of Afghanistan that they didn't know and now regret their invasion. They came to this conclusion that their so called democracy, human's rights, women's rights and other similar issues didn't give any food to them in Afghanistan. It is mentionable that most of these rules are violated by themselves. Americans based on their practices and activities that they have performed are obliged to leave Afghanistan and their announcement for withdrawal of forces after 2016 is the indicator of defeat in Afghanistan.

### **Withdrawal Plans of American Troops from Afghanistan:**

Another purpose that Obama had in his trip was attraction of attention for Afghanistan. He promised his troops that their government will soon announce the withdrawal from Afghanistan; he added that war will end in Afghanistan and in reality he wanted to get his nation's attention through this.

He also added that Afghan forces are now able to defend their country and provided the ground for the presence of 9800 forces in Afghanistan. It is just because most of Congress members of USA were against this and wanted the further presence of American troops in Afghanistan.

Another point he added in his speech was that these troops will remain up to 2016 in Afghanistan and after that they will all leave. This means that Americans won't have bases in Afghanistan but only one base. Before this in the draft of strategic documents, American



wanted nine (09) bases from Afghanistan but now it seems from Obama's words that there will be a single base in Afghanistan not nine which is hopeful for Afghanistan.

If Americans are honest in their words and leave truly Afghanistan at the end of 2016 and up to that time the peace process go honestly and a government which includes all Afghans come to power so we can say their won't be any reason for internal war and fight in Afghanistan.

If Americans are honest it is very hopeful for Afghans but experience has shown that America was never honest and trusting Americans is not correct. Reaching of Americans to this point is just because the oppositions want the overall withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan and if there resistances against Americans didn't exist they would have announced these numbers of forces many years ago.

According to Obama, the implementation of this two year plan by White House is based on the agreement of signing the strategic document between Kabul Washington but this visit of Obama and the behavior of Americans showed that they don't need the permission of Kabul for any kind of actions and don't include Kabul in their decision. So it seems very clear that the issue of Afghanistan is a regional issue that Americans want to be here for long term illegally. This can be compared to the issue of Ukraine that Russians are expression to the West as reason.



## President's Statements in India: Continuation of Contradictory Politics



### Introduction:

President Hamid Karzai as other South Asian countries heads of states traveled to India to participate in Swearing-in Ceremony of the new elected India Prime Minister Narendra Modi. President's visit came just few days after a terrorist attack on Indian Consulate in western Herat province. Obviously the attack had shadow on the President's visit, but Hamid Karzai had an interview with The Times of India daily which CSRS' Weekly Analysis Board analyzed as following:

### Hamid Karzai's Interview with The Times of India, Dual Politics

The President in interview said, "The western intelligence have given me the telephone numbers of the attackers and the name of Lashkar-e-Taiba". He further added, ((I cannot say whether the Pakistani military organization are involved)). Afghan president wants Pakistan to prevent such attacks. The President is agreeing with the involvement of Pakistan in the attack. He welcomed the good will of Pakistan towards Afghanistan and India. Afghan President as in his past interviews said that without Pakistan's cooperation the peace and stability in the region is impossible.

In the last decade Afghan government has faced many problems due to the lack of a strong and comprehensive foreign policy. Due to the lack of comprehensive foreign policy, that former UK Foreign Secretary Jack Straw objects and said, "President Hamid Karzai talks in accordance with the nature of meeting)), and it seems that he understood President Karzai well.

The entire interview is interesting for Indian government and people. The criticism isn't that Karzai shouldn't make the Indian people happy, but Afghanistan considering all its long-term advantages and compulsions should have a comprehensive and logical foreign policy. The

problem is that the President talks as his behavior is forgetting what he said in India and will change his position. This is what repeated in last 12 years. President Karzai in his interview with Pakistan Geo TV says that Afghanistan will be with Pakistan in case America attacks this country, while it is impossible that Karzai tries to have good relations with both countries Pakistan and India simultaneously. If this is impossible then this is also impossible that he will not have will to one part. If we accept the analysis of the President that the role of Pakistan is significant in peace then the above statements are contrasting national interests. President once again insisted on the significant role of Pakistan in his interview which Pakistan seeks and Afghanistan grants if freely.

If the President really believes that the peace talks would not bear fruits without Pakistan, then Pakistan has a key role in Afghan conflict and the government should never have this much close ties with an anti-Pakistan country like India.

The politics which continued for the last 13 years, distinguishing Pakistan as an important actor and then criticizing it in India, is the contradictory politics that did not make Afghanistan a trusted friend to Pakistan or a strategic ally to India.

