

## Press release on the results of the CSTO Council of Foreign Ministers meeting

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On June 11, the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Collective Security Treaty Organisation had its regular meeting in Almaty chaired by Foreign Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kairat Abdrakhmanov.

The ministers had an in-depth discussion of current issues of international and regional security, analysed the factors affecting global stability including the unilateral withdrawal of the United States from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action on Iran's nuclear programme. The ministers adopted a joint statement in support of the viability of the Treaty on the Elimination of Intermediate-Range and Shorter-Range Missiles and in favour of constructive dialogue for settling existing issues.

While considering efforts to counter current challenges and threats, the ministers reaffirmed the necessity of forming a truly broad international coalition to fight terrorism.

The ministers instructed the CSTO Secretary General to continue contacts with respective UN bodies in order to create conditions that would allow the CSTO's peacekeeping capacity to support UN peacekeeping activities.

They agreed a schedule of consultations of the CSTO member-states representatives on foreign policy, security and defence issues, and the list of themes of the CSTO joint statements at international platforms in 2018.

An agreement was also reached on closer foreign policy coordination between the diplomatic missions at international organisations and the CSTO member-states' embassies on the topics of cooperation within the Organisation, and their interaction with the media and the public.