**CONFEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTORS’ ASSOCIATIONS**

**CICA President,**

On behalf of CICA President, Emre Aykar, Roger Fiszelson’s address at the 6th International Infrastructure and Investment Construction Forum, Macau, 4th-5th of June 2015:

Misters Presidents,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Confederation of International Contractors' Associations (CICA) is particularly honored to be able to intervene in this Chairman Roundtable.

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| About CICA – History and Mission♦ Established in Tokyo in 1974, the Confederation of International Contractors' Associations (CICA) represents the construction industry at the world level. The worldwide construction industry, involving contractors of all sizes, represents a global turnover of US$ 7 trillion and employs around 120 million people and about 11% of the worldwide industry. In 2015, CICA gathers 3 regional federations in the world, representing 61 countries:- European Federation: European Construction Industry Federation (FIEC)- Latin American Federation: Inter-American Federation of the Construction Industry (FIIC) - Middle Eastern Federation: Federation of Arab Contractors (FAC)CICA maintains close relationships with national contractors’ federations such as: China International Contractors Association (CHINCA), Overseas Construction Association of Japan, Inc. (OCAJI), Canadian Construction Association (CCA), Turkish Contractors Associations (TCA), Camara Brasileira da Industria da Construcao (CBIC).Contacts are currently being established with African and other national contractors’ federations to form regional federations to become CICA Members.♦ As a non-profit, voluntary and global association of trade associations representing member construction companies from their respective regions:- CICA represents and speaks for the construction industry on technical, legal and political matters of international concern and provides a forum for fellowship, cooperation and interaction with member federations and linked institutions.- CICA is also acting as a club for contractors of any size and as a lobby at international level interacting with worldwide public organizations.- CICA encourages exchanges and improvement of experiences, information and technical knowledge.- CICA promotes investment in engineering and building that enhances both our environment and the quality of life for all.- CICA promotes the global construction industry, by stressing notably its fundamental impact on the economy at local, regional and global levels.CICA and its member federations, along with their national federations and their companies, are able to assist and cooperate with Governments, international financial institutions (especially Multilateral Development Banks) and other international organizations in order to: -contribute to the elaboration and implementation of their infrastructure projects or action plans;-collaborate actively in the definition and implementation of the required policies (notably in procurement, infrastructure, anticorruption and integrity and related best practices).♦ CICA regularly holds high level meetings with governments and international organizations such as the World Bank and other Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and Development Financial Institutions (DFIs), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the United Nations (UNO), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC). CICA is also interacting closely with industry and professional associations, specialized institutions and Non-Governmental Organizations.♦. CICA Topics include but are not limited to* Best practices;
* Project Preparation (Well Prepared Project – WPP);
* Procurement;
* Anticorruption and integrity;
* Sustainable development and Green Business;
* Concession and associate forms of Public-Private Partnership.
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One of the main subjects treated by CICA concerns ways and means to realize a largest number of projects of infrastructures which, delivering essential public services in favor of the populations of the countries benefiting from Public Development Aid, are an essential factor of their growth and their development.

Indeed, if it is unanimously recognized that the creation and the maintenance of infrastructures of public services are essential to the establishment of a prosperous economy, the conditions to reach them are still very insufficiently satisfied. The absence of public capacity of financing is most of the time mentioned as the main reason to explain these deficiencies. The recourse to the techniques of Project Finance/PFI is presented as being the solution.

However useful it is, this approach is totally insufficient to answer the immense world’s needs for infrastructures by 2030. They are estimated annually:

* Trade Infrastructures: investment financing thanks to users fee collection: **USD 2, 6 trillion / year**;
* Social Infrastructures: financing from States budget and from Public Aid: **USD 1, 6 trillion / year**.

CICA, together with the French Institute of the International Legal Experts (IFEJI), notices that the financial constraint cannot alone explain the weakness of the realization of the infrastructures which countries need. The absence of a global, coordinated and orderly approach of all the disciplines to be implemented to have successful infrastructures projects is the real and main reason.

That is why CICA and IFEJI have just launched under the aegis of an UNO’s agency, the Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) which received mandate of the other UNO’s economic commissions, an International Center of Excellence dedicated to Policies, Laws and Institutions applicable to the concessions of public services and other contractual forms associating the States and private companies to facilitate the realization of a larger number of infrastructures.

This Center will cross the public and private, national and international experiences. It will bring out the field experiences of the actors to anticipate and overcome the obstacles preventing the creation of a pipeline of resilient projects and related investment. To do it, a Knowledge Center will be set up. It will formulate a set of best practices which will cover the economic, financial, public budgetary constraint, organizational, institutional, legal and contractual fields. It will deliver recommendations in the form of analyses, templates, standards, norms, clauses and standard form of contracts, methodologies, procedures, practical instruments.

The works of the Knowledge Center will have to have an operational impact. They will be relieved by a Training Center which, answering the requests that the States sent to the UNECE, will organize capacity-building actions in favor of ministries, agencies and their staffs as well as MDBs which could be interested. These trainings will have for object to disseminate a set of easily applicable and practical recommendations, adapted to the peculiarities of the States which will benefit from it.

In brief, thanks to the collaboration of both public and private actors involved on the ground and powerfully supported by your professional organizations, the Center aims to be a tool of development of countries favoring the use of an abundance of savings worldwide awaiting opportunities of investments and answering the objectives of sustainable developments which will be adopted next September by the UNO.

To conclude, it is useful to underline the parallelism of the actions promoted by CHINCA and CICA. The economic development and the well-being of the nations ask for an increasing cooperation by all the stakeholders. Construction companies, major actors of the realization of infrastructures and their professional organizations, hold in it an eminent place. The CHINCA’s call for Joint Action Plan for strengthening the cooperation of International Infrastructure Construction goes in the right direction. CICA fully supports this initiative and approves its objectives. CICA is particularly sensitive to the stand of this document in favor of transparency, ethics, loyalty of the competition, corporate social responsibility of companies and good governance. Accordingly, CICA supports this document and will very gladly inform its members and friends about this Joint Action Plan.