**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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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.