The Shanghai Organization(SCO) is a permanent intergovernmental international organization, which was proclaimed on 15th June 2001 in Shanghai by the Republic of Kazakhstan, the People's Republic of China, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

The main goals of the SCO are strengthening mutual confidence and good-neighbourly relations among the member countries; promoting effective cooperation in politics, trade and economy, science and technology, culture as well as education, energy, transportation, tourism, environmental protection and other fields; making joint efforts to maintain and ensure peace, security and stability in the region, moving towards the establishment of a new, democratic, just and rational political and economic international order.

After 10 years cooperation, the SCO member countries have jointly advocated and consistently adhered to the Spirit of Shanghai, which stands for mutual trust, mutual benefit, equally rights, consultations, respect of the diversity of cultures and aspiration towards common development, its external policy is conducted in accordance with the principles of non-alignment, non-targeting anyone and openness.

Now, the SCO has built up comprehensive and multi-level cooperative mechanisms, and there are two permanent bodies of the organization, the Secretariat in Beijing and the Regional Counter-Terrorism Structure(RCTS)in Tashkent.