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**PROTOCOL ON AMENDMENTS
TO THE TECHNICAL ANNEX ON CUSTOMS AND DOCUMENTATION PROCEDURES
TO THE BASIC MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT
FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE EUROPE - THE CAUCASUS - ASIA CORRIDOR**

In accordance with Article 11 (Presentation of Amendments and Additions) of the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe - the Caucasus - Asia Corridor (Basic Agreement) and Chapters 5.2, 5.3, 5.5, 7.1 and 7.3 of the Strategy of IGC TRACECA approved in Sofia (May, 2006) it was agreed to incorporate the following additions to the Technical Annex on Customs and Documentation Procedures to the Basic Agreement:

1. To supplement the Article 2, clause 1, "International Conventions" with new sub-clauses:

- d. Kyoto Convention (International Convention on the simplification and harmonization of Customs procedures, 1973, Amended in 1993);
- e. Convention of Customs Pool Container 1994;
- f. Agreement concerning the Establishing of Global Technical Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles (AETR), 1998;
- g. United Nations ECE Convention on the Liability of Operators of Transport Terminals in International Trade, 1991.
- h. TIR Customs Convention, 1975;
- j. Convention of International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR);
- k. Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Goods/Foodstuffs (ATP) and specialized transport facilities for this transportation, 1970.
- l. FAL Convention (Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965);
- m. CSC Convention (International Convention for Safe Containers, 1972);
- n. SAR Convention (International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, 1979);
- o. Inmarsat Convention (Convention on the International Maritime Satellite Organization, 1976);
- p. Intervention Convention (International Convention Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Oil Pollution Casualties, 1969).
- q. Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail, 1996, (RID).
- r. Convention on the Agreement on International Transport of Passengers and Cargo by road, 1973, and the Protocol on the Convention, 1978

2. To supplement the Article 3 "Customs Control" with a new clause to be stipulated as follows:

"3. Provided that the procedures applied for transit operations are fulfilled in accordance with the requirements of the customs' legislation of the relevant state, goods in international transport including transit traffic:

- shall not, as a general rule, be subject to customs examination during the journey except to the extent to be deemed necessary to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations the relevant customs administration is responsible for. Based on this, the customs authorities shall normally restrict themselves to the control of customs seals and other security measures at points of entry and exit;

- shall not be subject to any customs formalities or requirements additional to those of the customs transit regime used for the transit operation."

3. To supplement the clause 2 Article 4 "Documentation procedures" with a new paragraph to be stipulated as follows:

"For the purpose of simplification of the customs procedures and decrease of the transit periods, as well as for the transport companies (land, railway and sea), which carry out the transportation of goods within the frame of the Basic Multilateral Agreement, the "TRACECA" logo shall be indicated in the customs declaration for transported goods (Transport Corridor Europe – Caucasus - Asia). The Parties shall develop the rules for application of simplified passage of goods, registered by this customs declaration for transported goods".

4. To supplement the Technical Annex with a new Article to be stipulated as follows:

**Article 5
Transit Facilitation**

In order to facilitate the international trade and transit of goods, the Party shall:

a. if it is the country of shipment, as far as possible, take all measures to ensure the completeness and accuracy of the information required for the subsequent transit operations;

b. if it is the country of destination:

- take all necessary measures to ensure that goods in customs transit shall be cleared, as a rule, at the customs office of destination of the goods;

- endeavour to carry out the clearance of goods at a place as close as possible to the place of final destination of the goods."

This Protocol comes into force in accordance with Articles 11 ("Presentation of Amendments and Additions" and 13 ("Entry into force") of the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for the Development of the Europe - the Caucasus - Asia Corridor.

Done in Astana, on 13 December, 2007, in one original copy in the English and Russian languages, both of them being equally authentic.

In witness whereof, the undersigned Heads of Delegations or their plenipotentiaries have signed this Protocol.

For the Republic of Armenia

For the Republic of Moldova

For the Republic of Azerbaijan

For Romania

For the Republic of Bulgaria

For the Republic of Tajikistan

For Georgia

For the Republic of Turkey

For the Republic of Kazakhstan

For Ukraine

For the Kyrgyz Republic

For the Republic of Uzbekistan

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(с одоборкою)*