



2 NATIONAL TRANSPORT POLICY

The National Strategy for the Development of Transport Sector in the Republic of Azerbaijan was defined in the mid-2000's with the assistance of ADB/CAREC. It has been set for the perspective of 2006-2015. Main priorities relevant to LOGMOS include:

- Legislative reforms aiming to:
 - separate the State regulatory function from operational activities;
 - transfer non-core transport activities to the competitive market / private operators;
 - enhance transport safety and address environmental issues through the implementation of world standards and introduction of new technologies;
- Construction and reconstruction of the network of highways linking different regions, cities and towns;
- Improvement of the railway infrastructure and upgrading of handling equipment;
- Construction of a new sea port with increased capacity in handling liquid cargo and containers.

Azerbaijan National Transport Policy is also carried out through the membership in several international organizations, such as:

- CIS Council on Railway Transport since 1992
- Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) since 1992
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Europe and Asia (UNESCAP) since 1992
- Organization for the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) since 1992
- TRACECA Program since 1993
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) since 1993
- International Road Transport Union (IRU) since 1993
- Organization for Cooperation of Railways (OSJD) since 1993
- Permanent International Association of Road Congresses (PIARC)
- International Maritime Organization (IMO) since 1995
- International Union of Railways (UIT) since 1995
- Organization for Democracy and Economic Development (GUAM) since 1997
- The European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) since 1998