

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION TRACECA (IGC TRACECA)

and

THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF RAILWAYS (UIC)

The Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA (IGC TRACECA) and the International Union of Railways (UIC) agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding, with a view to strengthening cooperation and collaboration between the two organizations.

The Memorandum of Understanding is entered into, taking into account the expertise that UIC, as a major international cooperation body, can contribute and the role of the Commission responsible for the basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe – the Caucasus – Asia Corridor.

1. General

The need for greater cooperation is justified by:

- 1.1 the increasing importance of reliable and efficient border procedures within the Black Sea and the Caucasus, Central Asia and between Europe to facilitate international trade, transport and tourism in a safe and sustainable land/sea transport environment;
- 1.2 the fact that both organizations are actively involved in promoting intra-regional and interregional trade facilitation;
- 1.3 the importance of avoiding duplication of work and to maximize complementarities and the use of available resources;
- 1.4 the fact that currently a number of countries are involved both with IGC TRACECA and UIC.

The focal points for the collaboration mechanism aimed at implementing this Memorandum of Understanding will be detailed between the Permanent Secretariat of IGC TRACECA and the UIC Head quarters.

2. Areas of cooperation

- 2.1 strategic plans aimed at development of international transport corridors;
- 2.2 development and promotion of technical standards and effective operational practices for efficient international transport and trade (best practices);
- 2.3 facilitation of cross-border movements of people and goods;
- 2.4 human resources development, including staff development programme;
- 2.5 technology and information transfer;
- 2.6 information technology to improve the efficiency of international railway transport;
- 2.7 market analysis and transit tariffs.

3. Collaborative mechanism

- 3.1 IGC TRACECA and UIC will keep each other informed of their respective work programmes;
- 3.2 IGC TRACECA and UIC within their terms of reference and basic agreement will exchange reports, publications, etc., that are of relevance;
- 3.3 IGC TRACECA and UIC will invite each other to major meetings of mutual interest on a consultative basis;
- 3.4 IGC TRACECA and UIC will develop and implement joint projects of mutual interest subject to the availability of adequate financial resources.

4. Confidentiality

- 4.1 The information given by one organization to the other will be treated as confidential unless it is already in the public domain.

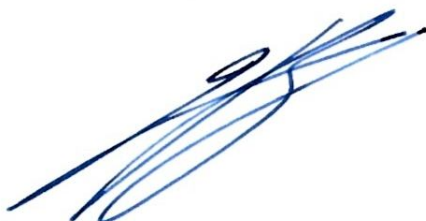
5. Modification/Termination

This Memorandum may be amended by mutual agreement of IGC TRACECA and UIC. It may be terminated by either party subject to six-month advance notice given to the other party, being understood that the termination shall not affect activities already in operation;

- 5.2 This Memorandum will enter into force upon signature of the Secretary-General of the IGC TRACECA and the Chief Executive of the UIC.

Signed at Baky on 17th July 2003 in two original copies in English.

**For the International Union
of Railways (UIC)**



**For the Intergovernmental Commission
TRACECA (IGC TRACECA)**

