

**Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation  
between the Permanent Secretariat of the  
Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA and  
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)**

The Permanent Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA (hereafter: PS IGC TRACECA) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (hereafter: UNECE) referred to as the "Parties,

Taking into consideration

The necessity to create an efficient regional transport system, which combines the national transport programmes with the development plans of the Pan-European transport corridors, and Transport Corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia,

Shared objectives to promote and support every effort towards the development of multilateral regional cooperation in the transport field on the basis of international law,

Common involvement in promoting intra-regional and interregional trade facilitation and wish to avoid duplication of work, as well as to ensure closer cooperation for the stability, prosperity and strengthening cooperation in transport field;

Participation of the member-states of the IGC TRACECA in UNECE

Have reached understanding on the following:

**1. Areas of cooperation**

PS IGC TRACECA and UNECE will cooperate in the following areas:

- 1.1 Development of international transport corridors and transit of goods;
- 1.2 Promoting simplification of border-crossing procedures in international transport of goods and passengers;
- 1.3 Exchange of information and experience in the field of transport and safety;
- 1.4 Improvement of transport technologies, and creation of the database;
- 1.5 Development and promotion of technical standards and effective operational practices for efficient international transport and trade facilitation of cross-border movement of people and goods;
- 1.6 Implementation of environmental protection measures, in particular, prevention of pollution caused by international, domestic and transit transport;
- 1.7 Human resources development, including staff training programmes;

- 1.8. Facilitation to unification of tariff policy;
- 1.9. Application of information technologies;
- 1.10. Improvement of the efficiency of international railway, road, maritime, air, combined transport, as well as border crossing and customs procedures;
- 1.11. Market research and analysis;
- 1.12. Organization of joint conferences, seminars, working sessions;
- 1.13. Development of projects of common interest, aimed at the development of transport corridors;
- 1.14. Application of Geographical Information System (GIS) in modeling of the transport infrastructure of the region;
- 1.15. Interaction with state authorities, international organizations and financial institutions;
- 1.16. Mutual support in the field of transport safety;
- 1.17. Facilitation to the most efficient integration of the Europe – the Caucasus – Asia (TRACECA) international transport corridor into Trans-European Transport Networks
- 1.18. In realization of second Phase of UNECE Euro-Asian Transport of Linkages (EATL) project.

## **2. Consultations and cooperation on substantive issues**

- 2.1. PS IGC TRACECA and UNECE will hold periodic consultations on the issues of cooperation.
- 2.2. They may, in particular, discuss and coordinate the joint undertaking by the IGC TRACECA and UNECE of projects on matters of mutual interest in accordance with the provisions of the given Memorandum, including those aimed at institutional capacity building, as well as studies, seminars, etc., subject to appropriate organizational and financial arrangements.
- 2.3. Wherever feasible, both Parties will ensure synergy of their efforts for the attainment of their common objectives in the transport field in accordance with their respective mandates.
- 2.4. Following a request from the Member States, the Parties will share their expertise on transport issues and transport facilitation information.

## **3. Exchange of information and documentation**

- 3.1. The PS IGC TRACECA and UNECE will exchange information on their activities, subject to the respective information regulations and policies of the parties.

3.2. An exchange of primary and analytical information and unofficial consultations of experts on professional issues will be carried out on a regular basis according to the preliminary agreement between the Parties.

3.3. The exchange of information will be organized through established channels, including Internet, by placing information on respective web pages of the Parties.

#### **4. Participation in the meetings**

In the spirit of reciprocity, the PS IGC TRACECA and the UNECE will regularly inform each other of meetings dealing with the issues of mutual interest. Without prejudice to the established rules and procedures of the IGC TRACECA and UNECE the officials of PS IGC TRACECA and UNECE may participate in the meetings of the IGC TRACECA and UNECE.

#### **5. Concluding Provisions**

5.1. This Memorandum may be amended by mutual written agreement between the Parties and on the basis of the respective procedures of the IGC TRACECA and of UNECE.

5.2. Any dispute regarding the interpretation or application of this Memorandum will be settled by negotiations and consultations between the PS IGC TRACECA and Secretariat of UNECE.

5.3. No provision of this MoU will be deemed to waive the privileges and immunities of the PS IGC TRACECA or the Secretariat of UNECE, nor infringe upon the respective mandates of the PS IGC TRACECA and UNECE in accordance with their relevant rules and procedures.

This Memorandum will come into effect upon its signature.

Signed in the city of Baku in 4 December, 2008 in two copies in the English and Russian languages

For the PS IGC TRACECA

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For the UNECE

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