

**Taking into consideration the fact that Ms. Grigore's speech was a free intervention, here are the main ideas of it:**

- 1. "I would like to take this opportunity to thank once again to the Republic of Turkey for the good cooperation over the last year, during their Presidency of TRACECA and I am confident that all the projects started with the PS IGC TRACECA during Turkish presidency, will continue under Ukraine presidency";**
- 2. "I wish to congratulate the IGC TRACECA Permanent Secretariat and General Secretary for the great work regarding the "Strategy for development of the international transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia for the period of 2016-2026" and welcome the unanimously adoption of this Strategy within this IGC meeting";**
- 3. "As both EU and TRACECA member, Romania expresses its concerns regarding the lack of future perspectives of the European Commission regarding technical assistance projects in TRACECA. If we have had a representative of the EU in this meeting, I would have liked to develop this issue in their presence and request some answers, but I resume only to the fact that we highly welcome the discussions within Easter Partnership with the signatory countries of the Association Agreement (Ukraine, Republic of Moldova, Georgia), but these are bilateral discussions for specific infrastructure projects in each country, which unfortunately doesn't solve the EU – China connectivity Platform;**

**EU needs a multilateral approach for solving this EU – China connectivity Platform and TRACECA is one of those partners which gathers all countries into a Corridor connecting EU to world big consumers & producers";**

- 4. "As a proactive partner in regional cooperation, TRACECA in this actual international context, it is called upon to assume an important role with regards to the regional dialogue on transport.**

**By this, we underline our commitment to support transport safety and security in the sectors of civil aviation, maritime and land transport, as well as to facilitate transport, investments and partnership between the countries along the Corridor.**

**We must continue to act responsibly together, aiming at efficiently involving in the issues of the region. Only like this, I am convinced we will give an impetus to cooperation on all other levels of the TRACECA partnership.**

**I would like to express conviction that we will be successful in this complex workout".**

**TRACECA National Secretary in Romania**

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