

ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION TRACECA Istanbul, Turkey, 29 January 2015

ОДИННАДЦАТОЕ ЗАСЕДАНИЕ МЕЖПРАВИТЕЛЬСТВЕННОЙ КОМИССИИ ТРАСЕКА г. Стамбул, Турция, 29 января 2015 г.

FINAL RESOLUTIONS

The Intergovernmental Commission (IGC) TRACECA having held its Eleventh Annual Meeting on 29 January 2015, in Istanbul, the Republic of Turkey:

- discussed the issues according to the adopted Agenda (Appendix 1);
- heard the report of the Presiding Party in the IGC TRACECA, the Republic of Tajikistan in the person of Mr. Khairullo Asozoda, Minister of Transport on the implementation of the decisions of the Tenth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA;
- heard the Report of Mr. Eduard Biriucov, Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA, on the activities of the PS IGC TRACECA for the period between the Tenth and Eleventh Annual IGC TRACECA Meetings;
- heard the reports of the Parties to the "Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for the Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor" on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the IGC TRACECA, the Action Plan for 2013-2015 for implementation of the Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for development of the international transport corridor "Europe-the Caucasus-Asia" for the period up to 2015;
- having considered the address by the Turkish Party on the priorities of implementation of the upcoming mandate of the Chairmanship in the Intergovernmental Commission;
- considered financial, institutional, legal, conceptual and other issues vital for further development of the international transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia (TRACECA) and increase of its competitiveness;
- in accordance with Article 8 of the "Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for the Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor"

ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS:

1. Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA.

1.1. Financial Report on Budget Execution of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2013. Report of the Auditing Team on Budget Execution of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2013

In accordance with p.11, Article 5 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS, the IGC adopted the Financial Report of the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA on Budget Execution of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2013 (Appendix 2).

Based on budget procedure envisaged in Article 5, p. 14 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS, the IGC adopted the Report of the Auditing Team on Budget Execution of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2013 (Appendix 3).

1.2. On the draft Budget of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2015.

In accordance with the budget procedure envisaged in Article 5, pp. 1-7 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS, as well as in compliance with the recommendations of the Auditing Team of 28-29.01.2014, the IGC adopted and approved the submitted draft Budget of the PS for 2015 (Appendix 5). For the provision of the budget the contribution of the Parties shall be determined in equal shares of 60 000 (sixty thousand) Euros each. Payment of the contributions shall be done in accordance with p.1 Article 4 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA.

The IGC addressed to the Parties with the request to repay the arrears to the budget of the PS IGC TRACECA in the first quarter of 2015.

1.3. Nomination of the Auditing Group for budget execution of the PS IGC TRACECA.

In accordance with p. 12 Article 5 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA and p.3, Article 3 of the Interim Regulations of the Auditing Team of the PS IGC TRACECA, and taking into account that the Chairmanship of the IGC TRACECA will pass to the Republic of Turkey, in line with pp. 2 and 3, Article 3 of the Regulations of the Auditing Team of the PS IGC TRACECA, the IGC TRACECA nominated an auditing team to effect control of the budget execution for 2014 consisting of the representatives from the Republic of Tajikistan, Ukraine and the Republic of Uzbekistan, one representative from each of the above-listed countries.

2. On realization by the MLA Parties of the Action Plan for 2013-2015 on the Implementation of the Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for Development of the International Transport Corridor "Europe-the Caucasus-Asia" (TRACECA) for the period up to 2015.

Having heard the Progress Report on realization by the MLA member-states of the Action Plan for 2013-2015 on the implementation of the Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for development of the international transport corridor "Europe-the Caucasus-Asia" for the period up to 2015 (Appendix 6), drawn up by the Permanent Secretariat in accordance with the Monitoring Methodology in respect of realization of the Action Plan based on the reported information submitted by the Parties, as well as the reports of the technical assistance projects funded by the EC, the IGC TRACECA adopted this Report and evaluated positively the activity of the Parties regarding the implementation of the aims and objectives of the TRACECA Strategy.

3. Monitoring of implementation by the MLA Parties of the IGC TRACECA Decisions (review of the outstanding decisions of the IGC TRACECA).

Having heard the information of the PS IGC TRACECA on the monitoring of implementation by the Parties of the IGC TRACECA decisions, the IGC recommended that the MLA Parties should take measures to ensure the implementation of outstanding decisions of the IGC TRACECA (Appendix 7).

4. On increasing the effectiveness of the TRACECA corridor. Realization of the Plan of Measures for the Implementation of the Concept of Development of International Road Traffic along the Transport Corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia, Increase of Competitiveness and Attractiveness of TRACECA Road Routes.

Having heard the Progress Report on realization by the MLA member states in 2013 of the Plan of Measures for the Implementation of the Concept of Development of International Road Traffic along the Transport Corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia, Increase of Competitiveness and Attractiveness of TRACECA Road Routes (Appendix 8), developed by the Permanent Secretariat, the IGC TRACECA adopted this Report and positively evaluated the activities carried out by the Parties to achieve the Concept aims and objectives.

For further implementation of the Concept of Development of International Road Traffic along the Transport Corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia, Increase of Competitiveness and Attractiveness of TRACECA Road Routes, the IGC recommended that the MLA Parties should continue their activities for implementation of this Concept.

5. On the progress of implementation of the EU Technical Assistance Projects.

Having heard the information of the Technical Assistance projects, the IGC TRACECA recommended that the Parties jointly with the TA projects should take necessary measures to implement the projects outputs in accordance with the adopted priorities.

The PS was charged with the task of regular reviewing at its meetings the progress in the implementation of the Terms of References of the EU Technical Assistance projects and notifying to the Chairmen of the TRACECA National Commissions in the beneficiary-countries of implementation of the ToRs with a view to ensure the effective implementation of the projects, drawing the attention of the EU Technical Assistance projects to the need for intensification of close collaboration with the Permanent Secretariat and National Secretariats of the beneficiary-countries.

The IGC charged the PS, National Secretariats of the Parties with technical support of the EU Project "IDEA II" with the task of developing on the basis of the TRACECA Master Plan of the draft documents on strategic development of the corridor for the next period to be submitted to the regular IGC meeting for approval.

6. On the draft Technical Annex to the Basic Multilateral Agreement on Fundamental Principles of Railway-Ferry Terminals Operation on the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea.

The plenipotentiary representatives of the MLA Parties' Governments, on the basis of the provisions of Articles 10, 11 of the Basic Agreement signed the Protocol on Amendments to the MLA in the form of the Technical Annex to the Basic Agreement on Fundamental Principles of Railway-Ferry Terminals Operation on the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea (Appendix 9, 10).

The IGC welcomed the aspiration of the interested Parties to accede to the given Protocol.

The PS was charged with taking necessary measures for implementing this Protocol.

7. On creation of the "TRACECA" Multilateral Permits System.

The plenipotentiary representatives of the countries: Republic of Armenia, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Republic of Turkey and Ukraine will enforce the TRACECA permits for international freight road traffic as from 1st January 2016 whereof they signed the relevant decision: (Appendix 11). The technical document "TRACECA Multilateral Permit. User Guide" is approved by this decision (Appendix 12, 13).

The IGC welcomed the aspiration of the TRACECA interested countries regarding the implementation of the TRACECA multilateral permits system to perform international road traffic and recommended that the MLA Parties should take necessary actions at the national level for the implementation of the TRACECA Multilateral Permits System in the territory of the countries participating in this system.

8. Elections of the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA.

In accordance with p.3.10 Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA and pp. 3.2. and 3.3. Article 3 of the Statute on the PS IGC TRACECA of 13 October 2010 the IGC members elected Mr. Mircea Ciopraga from Romania as Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA.

9. Information on the Regular Twelfth Annual IGC TRACECA Meeting.

In accordance with the MLA and the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA, the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA recommends to convene the regular Twelfth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA in Odessa, Ukraine, in April 2016.

The present Final Resolutions of the IGC TRACECA were adopted on 29 January 2015, in Istanbul, the Republic of Turkey, at the Eleventh Meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA by consensus of the Parties to the Basic Multilateral Agreement TRACECA.

Chairman of the IGC TRACECA