



ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION TRACECA

Istanbul, Turkey, 29 January 2015

ОДИННАДЦАТОЕ ЗАСЕДАНИЕ
МЕЖПРАВИТЕЛЬСТВЕННОЙ КОМИССИИ ТРАСЕКА

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ISTANBUL DECLARATION

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

Following in its activity the principles and **striving** to effectively promote the solution of the objectives specified in the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor (hereinafter referred to as the MLA);

Guided by the Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for development of the international transport corridor "Europe-the Caucasus-Asia" for the period up to 2015;

Highly appreciating the assistance of the European Commission rendered through Technical Assistance TRACECA projects, and expressing assurance of further fruitful cooperation with the European Union with the view of developing the transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia;

Recognizing the necessity of developing the TRACECA corridor on modern technological and logistic basis for the purposes of trade promotion;

Being convinced, that effective and secure transport communications of the corridor should be based on approximation of the national legislations with international transport agreements and conventions; simplification and harmonization of transport-customs and other border-crossing procedures primarily in transit traffic;

As well as, **welcoming** the determination of the Parties to the Basic Agreement to make efforts towards developing the TRACECA corridor,

Declares the following:

IGC positively appreciates the activity of the Parties concerned with the realization of the Action Plan for 2013-2015 for 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;

IGC welcomes signing of the Technical Annex to the Basic Agreement on Fundamental Principles of Railway-Ferry Terminals Operation on the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea;

IGC welcomes approval of the technical document "TRACECA Multilateral Permit" User Guide with the view of further developing the international road traffic along the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia corridor and facilitating the access to international road transportation;

IGC supports the initiative regarding the elaboration of the draft intergovernmental Agreement on the Establishment of the International Arbitration Court TRACECA with the view of developing economic and trade relations;

IGC appreciates the outcomes of the 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;

IGC welcomes the initiative on the development based on the TRACECA Master Plan of the draft document on strategic development of the corridor for the next period in joint collaboration of the PS IGC TRACECA with the countries and the Technical Assistance TRACECA Project "IDEA II";

IGC supports the process of accession of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the Basic Multilateral Agreement and expresses its gratitude to the Islamic Republic of Iran for the support of this process;

Acknowledging the significance of the decisions made, the IGC TRACECA expresses its satisfaction with the outcomes of its Eleventh Annual Meeting;

IGC expresses a deep appreciation to Mr. Eduard Biriucov for the fruitful and successful work in the post of Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA.

Participants of the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA express their gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Turkey for the assistance in organizing the Conference at the high level and for the extended hospitality.